



P.O. Box 1007  
Springfield, VA 22151

# NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR

### November 2007

- 3 Scouting for Food bags delivered
- 5 No school
- 6 Election Day; no school
- 7 NSCA General Meeting
- 10 Scouting for Food pickup
- 22 Thanksgiving

### December 2007

- 18 Judging Holiday Decorations

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General Meeting – November 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 pm at the School

## Code Enforcement Strike Team

Robert Stalzer – Deputy County Executive  
Dave McKernan – Deputy Fire Chief  
David Ellis – Neighborhood & Community  
Building Coordinator

Tired of too many people in a house; illegal home businesses; cars parked on lawns; junk in the yard? These are the folks to talk too.

**If you want something done about these problems now is the time to get involved.** Come to the meeting; listen to what they do; learn how you can become part of the solution; and report any properties that concern you.

Several homes in our community are on their list to investigate. Get the latest status on what is being done to correct the problems.

## Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at  
[www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm](http://www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm)  
or visit [www.nscivic.org](http://www.nscivic.org) for current community information

## **President's Message**

Scott Pratt

I, like everyone else, often find myself saying that I'd love to get involved with something but I'm just too busy. During those rare moments when I'm truly honest with myself I have to admit it's not that I'm too busy; it's that I chose to make something else more important. Participating in our community should be a high priority for each of us. Our founding fathers recognized that Government can not, and should not do everything. A successful nation is one in which its citizens are involved.

Our October meeting was a chance to meet and question those running for elective office in Virginia. Eighteen candidates vying for 8 offices attended; every elective office from school board to State Senate was represented. Sadly, only 24 (out of more than 4,000) residents came to hear what they had to say and ask questions. This month we'll have team members from the Code Enforcement Strike Force speak to us about their efforts to clean up some of the problems in the county. Most of the complaints we receive are from citizens upset with a neighbor's code violations. Hopefully the turnout will be better this month.

**Please vote November 6<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.

Our scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed November 3rd, and the non-perishable food donations collected November 10<sup>th</sup>. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this program and we hope that continues this year.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> we'll be touring the community to select those displays that we feel best portray the spirit of

the season. The results will be posted December 19<sup>th</sup> on the website. 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.

## **Membership**

Tricia Barnes

It is almost time for your 2008 yearly \$15 dues. The Civic association year runs from Jan-Dec. Our next newsletter is in February, but you can be among the first to join/renew your membership for 2008 using the form in this newsletter. We have added a line on the membership form for your email address. We will add your address to our list so you can receive up to date neighborhood information and civic association meeting reminders.

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.

Do you know the neighbors who live on either side of you? Do you know the neighbor who lives across the street? Do you know the neighbor who lives behind you? Have you met the new neighbor who moved onto your block in the last few months? If you answered No to any of these questions, why not go knock on their door and introduce yourself. If you have a new neighbor, please welcome them to our North Springfield community.

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Ron & Kathy Kinzer

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

## **Beautification**

Ed Stock

If you have noticed the new trees planted adjacent to the Leesville sound wall, you can thank Boy Scout Brian Ichter. Brian organized, purchased and executed the planting of the trees as part of his Eagle Scout project. With help from fifteen of his scout buddies, they planted 26 Leyland cypress trees during a recent weekend. The funds for purchasing the trees were donated by your Civic Association as part of our ongoing attempt to maintain the natural beauty of North Springfield.

Brian had noticed that some of the trees planted by VDOT several years ago did not survive. The decision was made to change the type of tree planted in that area with the hope of better results. Providing the water for the trees to get them off to a good start is also part of the project. We applaud Brian for his community service and your Civic Association was glad to participate in his Eagle Scout project that will benefit all of the community.

## **BSA Boy Scout Troop 990**

Skip Chaples

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 more information on the Crew or how to contact a Crew young adult, please contact Mike Stumpf at (703) 642-0982.

## **Cub Scout Pack 890**

Bill Wilson

Pack 890 is off to a rousing start. We have had several new scouts join our Pack; we held our fall Camping trip the weekend of September

21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Snyder; and we had our annual Space Derby October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Pack meeting is Thursday, November 15th in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria. We will be stuffing stockings with items for needy children to be delivered at Christmas by the Salvation Army. If you have any questions about this service project, please contact the Chair-person, Lori Lee at 703-569-8779.

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.

If you have any information you would like included in our Cub Scout Pack update in this newsletter, contact our Pack Communications Director, Lori Lee at 703-569-8779.

If your son is interested in scouting, please join us at the pack meeting or contact our Recruiter, Alicia Ward at 703-333-5084 or our Cub Master, Bill Wilson at 703-642-2236.

## **North Springfield Elementary School**

Christina Hayashida

**SALLY FOSTER** North Springfield Elementary students did a terrific job in selling Sally Foster gift-wrap products September to October. The orders will be arriving at the school for pick up from 8:00am – 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of you in the community who supported our students in this venture.

**SAFETY ISSUE:** 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 the new time of 2:40 pm** and on Mondays at 12:35).

**PROGRAMS:** Are you interested in helping out and getting involved with your student at NSES? Attend a PTA meeting or one of the other designated meetings to find out the steps to take—we always need help and love new faces. Just to mention a few ways to get involved: contribute by donating your time or money to different areas at NSES, join the PTA; become a room parent. The NSES PTA participates in Giant Food's Scrip program. Here is how it works...you purchase Giant cards from the PTA and use them like cash/credit at any Giant grocery store. The Giant pays the NSES PTA 4% of every dollar purchased. Like the Giant Bonus Card program, it costs you nothing to help us earn money for NSES. Please help us raise money by buying these cards. They come in \$20, \$50, and \$100 cards and can be purchased by calling Caryl Salters at 703-750-0072. We'll even deliver the cards to your door!

If you would 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

The school is collecting several items this year: Tyson's Frozen products—collect the certificate and NSES will get 24 cents per box; General Mills Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Food Labels for Education clip proofs of purchase from any of the following eligible Campbell's® products: (Campbell's® soups, Supper Bakes® meal kits, Franco-American® SpaghettiOs® pasta, ® beans, gravies, and canned pasta, Prego® pasta sauces, Swanson® broths and canned poultry, V8® vegetable juices and V8 Splash® juice drinks, Pace® salsa and picante sauces, Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products) 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). 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.

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

**SACC:** Just a reminder if you are in need of childcare services please contact or visit the SACC office or website for assistance. The SACC office is located at 12011 Government Center Parkway - Suite 930, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. Telephone information for SACC is: SACC Administration 703-449-1414; SACC Registration 703-449-8989; FAX 703-324-3007 or visit their website at: [www.co.fairfax.va.us/ofc/SACC.htm#Contact](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/ofc/SACC.htm#Contact).

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

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| November 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>   | No school, <b>Teacher Workdays</b>                                 |
| November 6 <sup>th</sup>                    | 8am – 4pm Sally Foster pickup;<br>7 pm PTA meeting in NSES Library |
| November 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | 2 hour Early Dismissal; 12:40 pm                                   |
| November 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>  |

### **NCSA 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.

## **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 2007**

Name	Phone -703	Age	Snow Removal	Yard Work	Baby Sitting	House Sitting	Pet Care
Doreen Bond	923-9549	15			X		
Eric Copenhaver	658-2844	17	X	X		X	X
Julia Copenhaver	658-2844	13			X		X
Kelly Dwyer	569-8108	14			X		X
Ashby Nelson	256-5280 256-3065 (alt)	14			X		X
Carly Potts	642-1459	15		X	X	X	X
Robert Potts	642-1459	11	X	X	X	X	X
Rowan Shartel	642-6371	12		X	X	X	X
Allen Stalp	750-0495	16	X	X		X	X

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

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**NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**  
**Calendar Year January – December 2008**  
NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151  
\$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

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

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

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

BEAUTIFICATION  
FEDERATION OF CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS  
MEMBERSHIP  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PLANNING & ZONING  
SECRETARY  
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

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