



P.O. Box 1007
Springfield, VA 22151

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

February 2008

- 6 NSCA General Meeting
- 18 Presidents Day

March 2008

- 5 NSCA General Meeting
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 23 Easter

April 2008

- 2 NSCA General Meeting

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**General Meeting – February 6th
7:30 pm at the School**

Fairfax County Park Authority

Learn about the changes taking place at our local park, the benefits to our community, and how you can support them.

Code Enforcement Strike team

Update from Code Enforcement Strike Team on the status of actions against homes cited in North Springfield.

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at
www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm
or visit www.nscivic.org for current community information

President's Message

Scott Pratt

We hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season and we wish all our residents the best for 2008

The Fairfax County Park Authority will be the guest speaker at our February meeting. They'll bring us up to date on the dredging project at Lake Accotink as well as tell us about other changes that are planned at the park. We're also getting a report from the Code Enforcement Strike Team on the status of action against those homes reported in North Springfield. We'll share that information with you as well.

The topic for the March 5th General Meeting is Crime Prevention Safety. The Fairfax County Police have put together a program for residents to ensure that we are all aware of the precautions one should take to keep themselves safe in their community. In April the Code Enforcement Strike Team will be back to present an update and answer questions.

We would like to thank all the residents who decorated for the holidays. We apologize for not determining the results soon enough to post them on the website before Christmas; we'll do better this year. The neighborhood looked wonderful and with so many nice looking homes it was difficult for us to narrow our selection down to only three. We did our best and awarded recognition to:

First Place – 5406 Fremont
Second Place – 5308 Easton
Third Place – 5328 Ravensworth
Best Tree - 7415 Jervis

A number of other homes were also selected for honorable mention they are:

5505 Atlee	7614 Gresham
7603 Boulder	5709 Heming
7608 Boulder	5204 Heming
7002 Catlett	5812 Heming
5206 Easton	7307 Hinton
5515 Easton	7605 Hogarth

5500 Flag Run	7011 Leesville
5504 Flag Run	5421 Lehigh
5201 Gardner	7420 Long Pine

Thanks to everyone who participated.

Neighborhood Watch

Ron & Kathy Kinzer

In order to expand the program we are seeking volunteers and old friends for the positions of observer, scheduler, captain, and co-director. We are currently waiting to accumulate enough volunteers to start the process. 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 February we'll have our annual ski trip to Timberline Resort in West Virginia. 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 10½ 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 Mike or Molly Stumpf at (703) 642-0982.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Bill Wilson

Pack 890 continues to be very busy. In November we and Troop 990 collected over 1,800 pounds of food for our annual Scouting for Food drive (thanks to everyone who supported this great cause); in December we went caroling in the neighborhood and stuffed Holiday stockings for the Salvation Army; in January we held our annual Pinewood Derby race; and we continued our Newspaper Drives on the third Saturday of each month.

This February, we will celebrate the birthday of Cub Scouting with our annual Blue and Gold Banquet on the 15th. This is a time for all the families to come together and honor the Scouts as some graduate to the next level in scouting. This year's theme is "Chinese New Year".

Kindergarten age boys become eligible to join Cub Scouts on June 1st. Plan now to visit our Pack and see what all the fun is about. Our Pack meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria. If you are interested, please join us at a pack meeting or contact our Cubmaster, Bill Wilson at 703-642-2236 or Assistant Cubmaster, Dwight Sheppard at 703-912-6397.

Beautification

Ed Stock

Stay warm and be careful shoveling the snow.

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.

We're adding a Rideshare posting section to the website. If you are looking to carpool send us your name, phone number, destination, and time of commute.

Membership

Tricia Barnes

It is time for your 2008 yearly \$15 dues. The Civic association year runs from Jan-Dec; the form is 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. The website www.NSCIVIC.org is another association service provided to let you know of any important happenings in the neighborhood.

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.

Guitars Not Guns

Skip Chaples, President

The charity established in 2006 in memory of Aaron Brown had a very successful 2007. We are an all volunteer, community based 501 (c) 3 non-profit that provides at-risk and underprivileged youth a positive alternative to the self-destructive behaviors of drugs, alcohol,

crime, truancy and gang activity. We are not anti-gun; we are anti-gun violence.

In 2007 we operated 10 class locations in Northern Virginia and served 170 students. Volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in helping at-risk children in our community. Many positions do not require musical ability. You can learn more about our program and how you can help by visiting our website www.guitarsnotguns.org/Virginia.html or by contacting Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311 or skipchaples@cox.net.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

Safety Issue Be alert; North Springfield has had some recent traffic pattern changes that may impact your commute. These specific changes pertain to the departure from the kiss and ride area in the morning and afternoon. Commuters please drive safely around the NSES area and neighborhood to ensure our children stay safe.

Many of you are aware of some changes that occurred on Veteran's day in 2007. Mr. Al Judge the NSES Crossing Guard for eight years had to relocate. Many folks at NSES have expressed their appreciation for all he has done and would like to thank him for his services. We will miss Mr. Judge at the Heming and Leesville post. This area is being manned by a Fairfax County Police Officer until a new crossing guard is assigned. There are concerns and issues to resolve to make this area a safe location for the NSES children, parents, teachers, and members to cross. Please be aware that NSES has a committee working on these issues and plan to have an open forum to publicly discuss these problems.

NSES Upcoming PTA Calendar Events—Be

sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend!

February 5th	NSES PTA Meeting 7:00 (Library)
February 18th	President's Day—Holiday (No School)
February 29th	"International Family Night" (6:30 pm) NSES is a rich and diverse school and would like everyone to come together to share a special evening of fun, food, and diverse entertainment. Bring food to share and wear clothing that represents your culture.
March 17th–21st	Spring Break (No School)

April 7th	Student Holiday (No School)
May 26th	Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
June 17th	Last Day of School

School Arrival Times and Tardy Procedures

Just a reminder to all parents: Students should arrive at school NO EARLIER than 7:45am. This is due to the fact that a staff person is not assigned to supervise the cafeteria until that time. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to keep your children safe. Please ensure that your child comes to school fed so they are prepared for a day of learning.

Please note: if your child is tardy parent(s)/ guardian(s) must walk him or her to the office to be in processed.

Leave Your Heelys (wheeled shoes) at

Home! For Safety purposes Heelys are NOT ALLOWED in school. This applies during school AS WELL AS for after school activities.

Fund Raising If you have not already done so,

please register your Giant Bonus card (earns 4% of every dollar purchased), 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 www.giantfood.com
HarrisTeeter.com NSES ID No.
4530 www.harristeeter.com
Escrip.com (Safeway) NSES ID
No. 6608321

The school is still collecting 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).

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

School Age Child Care (SACC)

NSES SACC is conveniently located on the school grounds. It offers a safe environment for children to participate in many fun activities. The trained staff assists the children with any homework needs and they team lead the numerous game activities. If you are in need of before and after school, spring break and/or summer camp feel free to contact the SACC administration office at (703) 449-8989.

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 February 19th 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

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: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

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 -

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR:
Other Committees: _____

Topics for upcoming programs:

Association Officers

President

Scott Pratt (703) 256-2011

Vice President

Norma Heck (703) 256-1332

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

Telephone Numbers to Report Complaints

Sponsored by a concerned NSCA resident

The following telephone numbers are for Fairfax County departments responsible for resolving the listed complaints. By law, the callers name and address are held in confidence and will not be divulged to anyone. Become part of the solution; if you see a problem report it.

Junk, Debris, vehicles in yards	703 324 1300
Overcrowding	703 324 1300
General noise complaints and barking dogs	703 691 2131
Grass in excess of 12"	703 324 1931
Potential illegal home businesses	703 3241300
Construction without a permit	703 324 1937
Inoperative vehicles on residential property - five vehicles or less	703 280 0716
Commercial vehicles parked on streets	703 691 2131
Illegal signs in public rights of way	703 383 8368
Illegal signs on private property	703 324 1300
Blighted property	703 246 5179
Building codes violations such as unsafe basement bedrooms, unsanitary living conditions, etc	703 324 1937