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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

March 2008

- 4 Hot Lanes Meeting
- 5 NSCA General Meeting
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins

April 2008

- 2 NSCA General Meeting – Code Enforcement Strike Team
- 8 Hot Lanes Meeting
- 9 Hot Lanes Meeting
- 26 Community Yard Sale

May 2008

- 3 Community Clean-Up Day
- 7 NSCA General Meeting – Springfield Mall renovation

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General Meeting – March 5th
7:30 pm at the School

Crime Prevention

James Nida, Crime Prevention Officer, Fairfax County Police will present their program for residents concerning the precautions one should take to keep themselves safe in their community.

Being a good neighbor means:

Picking up after your dog when you walk him/her in the neighborhood; remind your children that they need to do the same.

Don't put your trash out until the night before collection; bring the empty containers back in the next day.

Observe the quiet time hours; 9 pm to 7 am on workdays; 7 pm to 9 am on all other days.

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

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. In May we'll have the developers for the Springfield Mall renovation here to tell us about the changes and their schedule.

Want to keep up with all the happenings in Fairfax County? Check out the county website for the latest - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news .

Beltway Hot Lanes

Everyone should be aware that the VDOT project to add Hot Lanes (toll lanes) to the 495 beltway from the Springfield interchange to Tyson's has been approved; construction will begin this year. If you want to learn more details there are general meeting scheduled by VDOT to brief residences on the project and answer your questions. The dates are

- March 4th at 7:30 pm at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean;
- April 8th at the Fairview Park Marriott, Merrifield;
- and April 9th at the Tyson's Corner Marriott

The final design hearing will be held in mid-late April. Work is scheduled to start this spring and finish in 2013. Besides building the 2 North and 2 South HOT lanes on 495, the project will include upgrading or replacing 42 bridges and overpasses and improved or new sound wall protection where needed.

It appears that North Springfield homes will not be affected by the addition of the Hot Lanes. What will have an impact on us will be the reconstruction of the Braddock Road overpass bridge. The first step will be relocating the

utilities. Tentative timing is early fall 2008 to start work on the bridge. There will be one lane in each direction on the bridge while new lanes are being built. When the bridge is completed, there will be access to the north bound HOT lanes from Braddock Road.

The Hot Lanes will be free for HOV 3, buses and motorcycles. Others will pay a price per mile which will vary throughout the day. No 18 wheeler trucks will be allowed. Before you enter the HOT Lane there will be a sign that gives the price per mile. When traffic is light, toll prices are low. When congestion increases, the toll prices go up to regulate the number of drivers wanting to enter the lanes. The HOT Lanes will average minimum speed of 45mph.

For information visit www.virginiadot.org and www.virginiahotlanes.com .

Yard Sale and Clean-Up Day

Our annual community yard sale is scheduled for April 26, 2008; Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 3, 2008. On that day the County of Fairfax will provide trash trucks to haul away your debris. Clean-Up Day will take place from 8am - noon at the North Springfield Elementary School parking lot. Dangerous materials, paint, yard debris and excessive amounts of logs are not permitted. We will be publishing further instructions in April and May.

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 March we'll be camping 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 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

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

Last month, we celebrated the birthday of Cub Scouting with our annual Blue and Gold Banquet. This was 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 was "Chinese New Year", and we enjoyed celebrating this festive occasion!

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.

We would also like to thank the North Springfield neighborhood for continuing to support our monthly Newspaper Drives. Even though it is cold and snowy, we are still collecting. 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.

Beautification

Ed Stock

Spring is not far away so now is the time to check out your yard and plants and get prepared for that spring spruce up. North Springfield is a beautiful place when the trees and flowers bloom and we want every yard to look its best.

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.

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

Thanks to all the residents who have sent in their membership dues. A special thanks to those who also included an extra donation to the civic association. The Civic association year runs from Jan-Dec; the dues form is in this newsletter. We have added a line on the membership form for your email address.

Please check 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

At there annual awards ceremony the Washington Area Music Association awarded their 2007 Community Service Award to GnG Virginia. The award was in recognition of how well our music program has helped at-risk and underprivileged children in Northern Virginia. If you would like to help us use music to make a positive difference in a child's life visit our website www.guitarsnotguns.org/Virginia.html or contact Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311 or skipchaples@cox.net.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

At the February Civic Association meeting the North Springfield PTA discussed the issues with congestion and safety at the corner of Heming Court, Leesville, and Heming. Through a joint effort with the School and police we are working toward a solution to the problems at that intersection. We will keep you posted on any specific details pertaining to this issue. Please continue to take caution while traveling through this area.

NSES Upcoming PTA Calendar Events

April 28th - Annual Kindergarten Orientation
Beginning at 1:00 in the cafeteria there will be an information session for rising kindergarten students who will turn 5 years

old by September 30, 2008. (Please call the school at 658-5500 if you will have a child eligible for the school year so that we can mail you information.)

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

Fund Raising

If you have not already done so, please re-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 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.

School Age Child Care (SACC)

NSES SACC is a wonderful program conveniently located on the school grounds. It offers a safe environment and a place the children have 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.

No Parking in the NSES Fire Lane

According to the NSES newsletter there have been a lot of people caught parking their vehicles along the fire lane (yellow curb) at the school. The Fairfax County Police Department will issue tickets to any vehicle in violation, no matter the length of time parked. For the safety of the students please park your vehicle in the designated parking spaces.

Change School Arrival Times and Cafeteria Delayed-Opening Procedures

The school will open the doors 15 minutes earlier to help with the morning traffic problems. You may now drop your children off at the kiss and ride area beginning at 7:30 am; someone will be there to assist your child. We appreciate your assistance in helping us keep your children safe.

Rotary Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Annandale (RCA) will continue its long standing tradition of giving college scholarships to graduating seniors at Annandale H.S. who demonstrate high academic achievement, service to their community and financial need. Two \$2,500.00 scholarships will be awarded in the spring; written applications may be obtained through the Annandale H.S. guidance department. Residents of the North Springfield community who wish to learn more about this and other service projects conducted by the RCA are cordially invited to attend the club's weekly lunch meeting at Squire Rockwell's Restaurant, 8700 Little River Turnpike, Annandale VA. Wednesdays at 12 Noon. Call 703-349-2986, for more information.

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

Lake Accotink Events

Feb 8 – Apr 20	Trout Fishing
Mar 17 – 21	Spring break camp (counselors needed)
Jun 1 – Aug 15	Summer camp (counselors needed)
Mar 22	Easter events for the family
Jun 1	Cardboard boat regatta

For information on these and other events call the park at (703) 569-0285

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

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:

