



P.O. Box 1007
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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

April 2008

- 2 NSCA General Meeting – Code Enforcement Strike Team
- 8 Hot Lanes Meeting - Fairview Park Marriott, Merrifield
- 9 Hot Lanes Meeting - Tyson's Corner Marriott
- 26 Community Yard Sale

May 2008

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

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General Meeting – April 2nd
7:30 pm at the School

Code Enforcement Strike Team

They will present an update on homes being investigated in our community and answer your questions.

Being a good neighbor means:

In a free society there can be a difference between that which is legal and that which most considers right.

If you own a trailer, RV or work vehicles be mindful of the aesthetics of our neighborhood and considerate of your neighbors. Park them on or in front of your own property whenever you can. Do not park them where they impede your neighbor's line of sight or access to their property. Keep them neat and in good repair; do not use them to store junk.

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 April 2nd General Meeting is the Code Enforcement Strike Team. They will be updating us on their progress since their visit last fall and answering questions. In May we'll have the developers for the Springfield Mall renovation here to tell us about the planned changes and their schedule.

Speeding in the neighborhood continues to be an issue; particularly on Heming, Leesville, Ferndale and Queensberry. Residents are reminded that this is a family community and that there are a number of children playing in the area. There are also a number of vehicles parked on the street which obstruct a driver's view of pedestrians. As the weather warms there will be more people outside and it is important that everyone obey the speed laws in our community. Three years ago we addressed the issue of additional stop signs and Traffic Calming measures in the neighborhood. The following website details the requirements to install these measures.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm>

Teen Job List

Sign up now for the Spring & Summer Teen job list. A mail-in form is in this newsletter or sign up on-line at www.NSCIVIC.org. The list will be published in the May newsletter.

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

Yard Sale and Clean-Up Day

Our annual community yard sale is scheduled for April 26th; Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 3rd from 8am - noon at the North Springfield Elementary School parking lot. On that day the County will provide trash trucks to haul away unwanted appliances, lawnmowers, sheds, swing sets and other bulky items. The county will not accept paint, shrubbery, large glass panels or anything that might be potentially dangerous. The county reserves the right to reject any item but rarely does so.

Check www.rbrc.org for the locations of local stores that will recycle your used rechargeable batteries. Some of the stores near us are Home Depot, Sears, Radio Shack, and Office Depot. You can take old/unwanted cell phones to the nearest police station. The phones are given to potential abuse victims for emergency use.

To learn about Hazardous Waste disposal you can listen to a recording at (703) 324-5068 or check the website www.fairfaxcounty.gov and click on environment on the right hand side of the screen.

We will have a My Trash/Your Treasure area set up. All items are free. Some of the things we had last year were bikes, lawnmowers, chairs, outdoor kids' toys and small tables. We may have just what you are looking for!

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, we will be collecting membership dues at Clean-Up Day. Exact change or a check made out to NSCA for \$15 will be appreciated.

We will be seeking volunteers to help those people unable to get rid of items due to physical impairments to drive and to provide pickup trucks to pick up those items. Please do not drop off items before the trucks arrive.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

In April we'll be camping at Sky Meadows State Park. 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

Our next pack meeting, Thursday, April 17th, is Bring a Friend to Cub Scout Night. Any boys currently in Kindergarten through 4th grade, interested in joining Cub Scouts are welcome to come and see what all the Fun is about and view our exciting new slide show. The meeting is at 7 pm in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria. You may also contact our Cubmaster, Bill Wilson at 703-642-

2236 or Assistant Cubmaster, Dwight Sheppard at 703-912-6397.

We would again 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.

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.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

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.)

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.

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.

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. Prices are per newsletter issue.

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 April 18th 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.

Lake Accotink Events

Feb 8 – Apr 20 Trout Fishing
Jun 1 Cardboard boat regatta
Jun 1 – Aug 15 Summer camp
(counselors needed)

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

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

AHS All Night Graduation

The Annandale High School All Night Graduation Committee is having a Mulch Sale to help fund this year's celebration! A three cubic foot bag is only \$4.25 if you pick it up at AHS; only \$5.00 delivered to your driveway (15 bag minimum for delivery orders)!

All orders must be received by Monday, April 7! Please make checks payable to AHS-PTSA/ANGC, or if you prefer to pay by credit or debit card, please order online at www.fcps.edu/AnnandaleHS and click on the Mulch Madness link. Self pick-up at Annandale High School is on Saturday, April 12 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

All orders must be paid for in advance. Also, if you have access to a forklift, truck, trailer or SUV and would like to help, we need you! For questions or to volunteer, please email Shelli Wayland at shelliwayland@msn.com.

Please mail orders with payment to All Night Graduation Celebration, c/o Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA, 22003; Attention: Mulch Fundraiser.

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

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:

NORTH SPRINGFIELD SPRING/SUMMER 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 _____ Mowing _____
 House Sitting _____ Pet Care _____
