



P.O. Box 1007
Springfield, VA 22151

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

Oct 2008

- 1 NSCA General Meeting
- 23 Candidates Night in Springfield

Nov 2008

- 1 Boy Scout Scouting For Food
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General Meeting – Oct 1st
7:30 pm at the School

Fairfax County Budget

Now is the time to make your voice heard; don't wait until after the decisions are made when it is too late to make a difference. Supervisor Bulova will attend to inform us about the projected budget shortfall next year, the potential impact to our community, and to receive our ideas concerning what county services should, or should not be reduced when balancing the budget.

Being a good neighbor means:

Park your motor vehicles only on the street or in your driveway; not on the lawn which is illegal in Fairfax County.

Maintain the appearance of your home; keep the gutters clean, the shrubs trimmed and the grass cut to a reasonable length.

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 October 1st General Meeting is the Fairfax County budget for next year. Based on a slowing economy the county is forecasting a budget deficit of more than \$400M. As you know the county must balance the budget each year so a deficit means either a reduction in spending and/or an increase in taxes and/or fees. To achieve balance through spending reductions only would require an average reduction of 15% per agency. Supervisor Bulova will be here to explain the budget difficulties the county faces, the impact of potential cuts and to take your comments regarding how the county should proceed.

School is open and the children are out in full force. Obey the speed limits in our community and watch out for pedestrians.

November 4th is Election Day; if you're 18 or older it is your privilege and obligation to vote. This year's ballot will include choices for President, Senator and Congressman as well as several bond referendums. The Springfield Civic Association is sponsoring a Candidates night on Tuesday October 21st at 7:30 pm at the Crestwood Elementary School, 6010 Hanover Avenue, Springfield Virginia 22150. All North Springfield residents are invited to attend.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed November 1st and collection will be between 9 and 11 am on November 8th. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this important event and we hope everyone will support our scouts' efforts this year.

Teen Job List

Sign up now for the Fall and Winter Teen job list. A mail-in form is included in this newsletter or you can sign up on-line at www.NSCIVIC.org. The list will be published in the November 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

Membership

Tricia Barnes

Welcome all new residents to the North Springfield Community. If someone new has moved in on your block, please be a friendly neighbor and welcome them to the community.

The civic association helps better the community by working to keep North Springfield a well kept safe area, keeping residents informed through the newsletters and meetings and by being a liaison between residents and county government. Our association is a member of the Federation of Citizen Associations which represents all residents and works as a united voice to our local government representatives.

Association membership dues are \$15 per household and the membership year goes from January 1st to December 31st. If you are not already a member for 2008, there is a membership form in this newsletter.

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

The Changing Face of North Springfield

Ed Stock

Houses are getting bigger; there are more adults, children and cars on the street. Traffic, property appearance, inconsiderate behavior, boarding houses and the loss of trees are among the common issues today.

Change is inevitable, as they say. How we respond as a community will determine whether or not the end result is to our benefit. We encourage everyone to attend upcoming Civic Association meetings, get involved and stay informed. Ignoring the changes around you leads to misunderstanding and frustration; embracing the change and guiding it toward our collective good will ensure that our North Community remains a quality place to live.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

In October we'll be attending the Camporee and competing against the other troops in our area. Other activities planned this year include snorkeling, rock climbing and skiing. 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

Dwight Sheppard

Join Cub Scouts! Join Cub Scouts! Join Cub Scouts! Join Cub Scouts!

Sign up! Pack 890 is currently recruiting for the new school year. All boys between the ages of 6 (1st gr.) and 11 (5th gr.) are encouraged to join Cub Scouts. All are invited to our next Pack meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 7:00pm in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria to experience first-hand what scouting is all about.

If you are interested in scouting, but unable to attend the pack meeting, please contact Tammy Sheppard, our Recruiter, at 703-912-6397 or Tsheppard1@cox.net. As always, your child can ask one of the boys proudly wearing a Cub Scout uniform at school. They would love to answer any questions you may have about Scouting!

We would 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. Collecting the newspapers is our primary fundraising

activity for all of the Scouts' activities year round, which includes camping, and the Pinewood Derby.

Beautification

Ed Stock

Between the bagworms, drought and some poor mowing techniques by subcontractors, the various shrubs along the Leesville sound wall took a beating this summer. VDOT has agreed to investigate and correct the mowing problem. The bagworms have been sprayed and now seem to be under control.

All of the white brick signs at the entrances have been renovated and each received a fresh coat of paint including the letters.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who have been mowing and maintaining our entrances throughout the summer; the Linkous family, John Everet and his crew and Skip Chaples.

Mike Lauler Realty continues as the "Adopt a Highway" group for Heming as well as Leesville. Thanks Mike and crew for keeping those busy streets cleaned up. Our resident tulip guy, Cal Salch, is responsible for the spring tulip display on Leesville; thanks Cal. The flower garden on the Leesville median at Backlick is sponsored and maintained by John Everet; thanks John.

Everyone can help keep our community clean and attractive by picking up trash as you walk or taking down out dated "Yard Sale" signs. There are others who contribute to our community by notifying authorities about problems in our neighborhood. It's that kind of spirit that continues to keep North Springfield prospering and such a great place to live.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

The students, teachers, and parents at North Springfield Elementary School have gotten off to a great start. We had a great turn out at the Open House.

SAFETY ISSUE: Please remember that our school doors open to students at **7:45 am**; 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.

ALERT—there is a **NEW** cross walk. Let's help Mr. Al Judge keep our children safe by being extremely cautious in and around the school area. Additionally, please honor the Kiss and Ride procedures of dropping students off **ONLY** in the designated area. The front door of NSES is not a drop of spot. School is dismissed Tuesday – Friday at 2:40 pm and on Mondays at 12:35 pm.

SALLY FOSTER: Students at North Springfield will once again be selling Sally Foster gift-wrap products beginning September 11th and ending in October 2nd. We encourage our friends and family to order online at SallyFoster.com or feel free to browse through the catalog from one of the students. Our school earns 50% profit on every item sold! If you know a student attending North Springfield, I am sure they would be happy to place an order for you. You may also stop by the school office to browse the catalog and place an order.

PROGRAMS: Are you interested in helping out 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. You can contribute by donating your time or money to different areas at NSES, join the PTA; become a room parent. The NSES PTA also participates in Giant Food's Scrip program. Please help us raise money by buying these cards. They come in \$20, \$50, and \$100 cards and can be purchased by calling Tuanchai Horvath at 703-914-9492. 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 NSES ID No. 02079

www.HarrisTeeter.com NSES ID No. 4530

The school is collecting several items this year: Tyson's Frozen products; General Mills Box Tops for Education; Campbell's Food Labels for Education clip proofs of purchase from any of the following: (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. There is a drop off box in the lobby. (Please put ink jets in a plastic bag). Visit 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.

SACC: If you are in need of childcare services please contact or visit the SACC office or website for assistance. Telephone information 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.

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

- Oct 2nd Sally Foster Fundraiser Orders are Due
- Oct 7th School Pictures
- Oct 7th **PTA Meeting** (NSES Library, 7pm)
- Oct 13th **Columbus Day** (School is Closed)
- Oct 15th Literacy Night
- Oct TBD Tailgate party 5:30 PM
- Nov 3rd-4th **Teacher Workdays** (No School)
(8am – 4pm Sally Foster pickup)
- Nov 11th Fall Picture Make-up Day
- Nov 13th-18th Fall Book Fair
- Nov 18th Kindergarten Parent Coffee
- Nov 26th **2 hour** Early Dismissal
- Nov 27th-28th **Thanksgiving Holiday**

PTA: Please take an opportunity to look at the new and improved NSES PTA website: <http://NSESPTA.googlepages.com/>.

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 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	703 324 1300
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

Boy Scout Fund Raiser

Entertainment 2008 Coupon Books
Over \$1,000 in savings for \$25

For information or purchase contact the Troop's
Fundraising Chairman -
Nancy DeVera at (703) 256-6451
or Dave Bynum at (703) 658-9324

Boy Scout Fundraiser

Need your House Number
painted on your curb?

Call Boy Scout Troop 990
(703) 644-1311

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

N.S.C.A. Newsletter
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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.

North Springfield Elementary School PTA Fundraiser

Do you shop at Giant? If so, you can help NSES PTA fund school activities by purchasing Giant grocery cards.

Use the cards like cash at Giant. The school gets 4% from Giant for every dollar purchased. Buy \$20, \$50, or \$100 cards. They never expire.

Contact Tuanchai Horvath at 703-914-9492 to purchase the cards. We will deliver them to your door.

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 the 15th of the preceding month to:

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: _____

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 WINTER 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 _____ House Sitting _____ Pet Care _____

Winter Snow Removal _____ (clearing walkways and/or driveways only)
