



P.O. Box 1007
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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

November 2008

- 1 Scouting for Food bags delivered
- 3 No school
- 4 Election Day; no school
- 5 NSCA General Meeting
- 8 Scouting for Food pickup
- 27 Thanksgiving

December 2008

- 17 Judging Holiday Decorations

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

Springfield Development

Our November meeting will address the current status of redevelopment projects in Springfield to include how these are affected by the BRAC decision to not relocate to the GSA property in Springfield.

Being a good neighbor means:

Be considerate of your safety as well as your neighbors by taking care of your trees. Homeowners are liable for the damages caused by a tree on their property falling. If a tree is dead and you do not take steps to remove it your insurance company may consider you negligent and not reimburse your expenses for the damages caused when it falls. Your neighbors also have the right to take action to remove the tree if you do not and then charge you for the expense.

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

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 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed November 1st and the non-perishable food donations collected November 8th. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this program and we hope that continues this year.

Please vote November 4th; voting is our most important right and it is the most effective way we have to express our opinion to our political leaders.

Judging Holiday Decorations

The civic association officers will be judging your Holiday decorations again this year. We'll be around between 7 & 10 pm on Wednesday December 17th so please have your lights on that evening. What we look for are creative displays that reflect the true meaning of the holiday season; presentation is more important to us than the number of lights and figures you can place in your yard.

Over the past few years the variety of display styles has increased thus making it much more difficult for us to judge. To ensure fairness, we decided that homes will be eligible for award once in a three year period. Prior year awardees who continue to enhance our community with their displays will also be recognized annually for their continued excellence.

Your association President Scott Pratt has assured us that this year's decisions will be

made in a timely manner and displayed on the website so residents can see our choices before the season is over and the displays are taken down.

Membership

Tricia Barnes

The Civic Association year is from January to December. This newsletter is the last newsletter for 2008. The membership form in this newsletter is for the new 2009 membership year so please send in your \$15 dues.

The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. Here are some highlights of what the Civic Association does with the dues for the residents and our community:

- Six newsletters are printed and delivered to all the homes and we have civic association meetings to keep residents informed about community changes and events.
- Entrance ways are planted, mulched, grass cut, bushes and trees trimmed and pruned. The hills at Leesville and Heming are maintained.
- The association has monitored the signal/utilities for the Hot Lane bridge work done at Ravensworth and Braddock. We have made sure the area was reseeded and the bushes were not damaged by the digging.
- The association arranges for a community clean up day each May when residents can bring oversized trash for free disposal.
- Maintains a web site with community information nscivic.org
- Donations are made to the North Springfield Scouts and to the Annandale HS all night senior prom party.
- The Civic Association requested and worked with the county to get a traffic light installed at Heming Ave, a left turn signal light installed at Ravensworth Road, stop signs, lights under the bridge on Heming, and blinking school zone lights at North Springfield Elementary school.
- The Association worked with the Washington Post to permanently preserve the buffer zone between the Post building and homes in North Springfield.

The membership form has a place for you to list possible topics for upcoming meetings and a list of committees that you may want to join.

We need to have your support to help keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community.

Hot Lanes Meeting Sept 25, 2008

Sound Walls

Because of construction needs, sometimes the sound walls will be removed and there will be a delay in putting up the new sound walls. In order for the sound walls to have the same top line, the actual height of the sound walls will vary depending on the topography of the land. The sound wall by North Springfield Elementary school will be replaced with a higher (11 feet) sound wall.

Construction

Once all the utilities are moved from the Braddock Road bridge, the bridge work will start. The estimated start date is sometime in Dec/Jan. The bridge will be rebuilt longer – an additional 180 feet - and wider to handle the extra beltway traffic lanes. During the rebuilding, there will be a temporary sidewalk on the east side of the bridge.

Phase 1: through fall 2009.

- Remove sidewalks to provide space to shift all east and west traffic onto modified Braddock Road eastbound bridge
- Temporary signals for I-495 south exiting east and I-495 north exiting west
- Remove existing westbound bridge
- Build new westbound bridge.

Phase 2: Fall 2009-Fall 2010

- Shift all traffic to new westbound bridge
- Remove existing eastbound bridge
- Build new east bound bridge.

Phase 3: Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

- Shift east traffic back to new eastbound bridge
- Shift west traffic to new westbound bridge

Phase 4: Spring 2011-2012

- Build HOT lane ramp flyover

The bridge will have sidewalks on both sides and also a shared space for bikes.

www.virginiahotlanes.com has information on the hot lane projection and you can sign up there for construction updates via email.

Snow Removal

Fairfax County does not have a law requiring snow to be shoveled in residential areas but residents are expected to clear the sidewalk in front of their home. If you don't shovel out of a sense of the Golden Rule, courtesy or personal responsibility, consider the liability if someone falls on your icy sidewalk. If you want to hire a teen to shovel for you, this newsletter had a list of teens available to hire.

North Springfield Home Schooling Group Forming

Anyone interested in joining please call Caroline Vale at 703-256-8253 or via email at alohavale@yahoo.com.

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

Fall is here which means winter is not far behind. It's time to clean up around your plants and pick up the leaves. A little effort now will make a big difference in the health and appearance of your plants next spring.

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.

Congratulations to Sean McKinney and Mitchell Mansfield; both earned their Eagle Rank this fall; Scouting's highest award.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Dwight Sheppard

Pack 890 is off to a great start! We have had several new scouts join our Pack. We held our annual Space Derby on October 24th and our Bike Rodeo with the Fairfax County Police Department on September 25th. We toured Fire Stations, Police Stations and went on Nature Hikes.

Our next Pack meeting is Thursday, November 20th in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria. Please join us if you are interested in Scouting or contact our Recruiter, Tammy Sheppard at 703-912-6397.

On December 5th, 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, please contact our Pack Communications Chair, Lori Lee at 703-569-8779.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

SALLY FOSTER Thanks to all who supported this year's program. The orders will be arriving at the school for distribution for pick up from 8:00am – 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 4th.

ELECTIONS / TEACHER WORKDAY

November 3rd and 4th are scheduled teacher workdays. Teachers will be holding conferences with parents during this time.

SAFETY ISSUE: Please remember that our school doors open to students at **7:30 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 off spot. School is dismissed Tuesday – Friday **at 2:40 pm** and on Mondays at **12:35**).

PTA PROGRAMS: If 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. The PTA website has information on what jobs are available; visit <http://NSESPTA.googlepages.com/>.

Everyone can contribute --- One easy way is by participating in the NSES PTA Giant Food's Scrip program. Purchase Giant cards from the PTA and use them like cash/credit at any Giant grocery store. Cards can be purchased by calling Caryl Salters at (703) 750-0072 or e-mail at cahasalt@aol.com.

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.

Additionally, the school is collecting several items this year. Questions and arrangements for label collection can be directed to the NSES Program Coordinator, Alison Dalsimer, at 703-658-5199 or email aldal@live.com; 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 need childcare services please contact or visit the SACC office or website for assistance. Call 703-449-1414 or visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/ofc/SACC.htm#Contact for more information.

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

November 3 rd -4 th	Teacher Workdays (No School) (8am – 4pm Sally Foster pickup)
November 11 th	PTA Meeting (7:00 in NSES Library)
November 11 th	Fall Picture Make-up Day
November 12 th	Art Workshop (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
November 13 th -18 th	Fall Book Fair
November 14 th	BINGO (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
November 18 th	Kindergarten Parent Coffee
November 26 th	Early Dismissal (Released at 12:40)
November 27 th -28 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 2 nd	PTA Meeting (7:00 in NSES Library)
December 24 th -	Winter Vacation Begins (No
January 4 th 09	School from December 24 th January 4 th 2009)

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.

What is www.511northernvirginia.org?

This website gives you the most current traffic and travel information. You can get email and text messages with real time updates based on the routes you travel. You also have options on how to get where you want to go easier and faster.

You can also create your own customized 511 Control room complete with traffic cameras for an unlimited number of personalized destinations. Once you set up your 511 control room, you can get immediate updated information for the route you are about to choose - to work, home or anywhere else you choose.

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:

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.

Boy Scout Fundraiser

Need your House Number
painted on your curb?

Call Boy Scout Troop 990
(703) 644-1311

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 Caryl Salters at 703-750-0072 to purchase the cards. We will deliver them to your door.

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

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 2008

Name	Phone -703	Age	Snow Removal	Yard Work	Baby Sitting	House Sitting	Pet Care
Doreen Bond	923-9549	16			X		X
Gabrielle Casey	750-1486	12	X	X			
Jessica Lizama	333-5065	17			X	X	X
Tyler Miller	354-5607	14	X	X	X	X	
Ashby Nelson	256-5280 256-3065 (alt)	15			X		X
Carly Potts	642-1459	12			X	X	X
Joseph Scally	354-9237	15			X	X	X
Rowan Shartel	642-6371	13			X	X	X
Allen Stalp	750-0495	17	X	X		X	X

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

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Calendar Year January – December 2009

NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151

\$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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:

