



P.O. Box 1007  
Springfield, VA 22151

# NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR

### February 2009

- 3 Special Election
- 4 NSCA General Meeting
- 16 Presidents Day

### March 2009

- 4 NSCA General Meeting
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins

### April 2009

- 1 NSCA General Meeting
- 12 Easter

### May 2009

- 7 NSCA General Meeting
- 9 Community Yard Sale
- 16 Community Cleanup Day

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## General Meeting – February 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm at the School

Fairfax County Police  
Code Enforcement Strike team

Learn about current crime statistics, the trends in our community, and how you can support protect yourself from becoming a victim.

### Being a good neighbor means:

Take care of your pets in the cold weather. Do not let dogs stay outside unattended for long periods of time. It's not only harmful to them it is also disturbing to your neighbors. We have had several complaints from residents concerning barking and "crying" dogs that were left outside too long.

Please vote February 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at  
[www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm](http://www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm)

or visit [www.nscivic.org](http://www.nscivic.org) for current community information

## **President's Message**

Scott Pratt

Please vote February 3<sup>rd</sup>. In these difficult financial times it is important that every citizen voice their opinion. The candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are Sharon Bulova (D), Carey Campbell (I), Christopher DeCarlo (I) and Pat Herrity (R).

The Cub Scout newspaper drives have been temporarily suspended while they find a recycler to take them. Due to falling commodity prices their prior recycler is unable to provide the monthly collection trailer. Please do not put your papers out for them to collect until you see the signs announcing newspaper collection has resumed.

We hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season and we wish all our residents the best for 2009

The Fairfax County Police and representatives from the strike team will be the guest speakers at our February meeting. They'll bring us up to date on activity in our community and the surrounding area.

We thank all the residents who decorated for the holidays. The neighborhood looked wonderful and with so many nice looking homes it was difficult for us to narrow our selection. We did our best and awarded recognition to:

### **Traditional Christmas**

1. 5404 Backlick Woods Court
2. 5421 Lehigh Lane
3. 7603 Boulder Street

### **Modern Christmas**

1. 5414 Ives Street
2. 5422 Easton Drive
3. 5428 Camrose Place

### **Continued Excellence from last year**

- 5406 Fremont Street
- 5308 Easton Drive

## **Best Grouping of decorated homes**

- 7630 block of Webbwood Court
- Anola Court

## **Honorable Mention**

5505 Atlee Place	5740 Heming Avenue
5506 Atlee Place	5415 Kempsville Street
7608 Boulder Street	5203 Light Street
7002 Catlett Street	7420 Long Pine Drive
7712 Elgar Street	7529 Milland Street
7504 Ferber Place	7718 Viceroy Street
5413 Heming Avenue	

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Ron & Kathy Kinzer

We are seeking volunteers and old friends for the positions of observer, scheduler, captain, and co-director. If you would like more information or to volunteer please call us at 703-941-6415 or email Ron at [RKinzer@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:RKinzer@fairfaxva.gov)

## **BSA Boy Scout Troop 990**

Skip Chaples

In February we'll have our annual ski trip to Timberline in West Virginia; in March we will be taking BSA Snorkeling and Scuba classes. Weekly scout meetings address various scout skills and Eagle rank required merit badges.

We have a list of house number to paint on the curb and will be around as soon as the weather is warm enough.

To learn more about our program contact Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311.

## **BSA Venture Crew 990**

For those not familiar with the term, Venture Crew 990 is a co-ed group of young adults that do a wide variety of fun social, outdoor, and service activities. For more information on the Crew please contact Mike or Molly Stumpf at (703) 642-0982.

## **Cub Scout Pack 890**

Pack 890 continues to be very busy. In November we collected food for Scouting for Food. In December we went caroling at a local nursing home and stuffed Holiday stockings for the Salvation Army. In January we held our annual Pinewood Derby race.

This February, we will celebrate the birthday of Cub Scouting with our annual Blue and Gold Banquet. This is a time for all the families to come together and honor the Scouts as some graduate to the next level in scouting. We are looking forward to 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 Dwight Sheppard at 703-912-6397.

## **Beautification**

Ed Stock

It is time to get out the snow shovels and please remember a few safety tips. It is not always the physical exertion that causes heart attacks; sometimes it's inhaling frigid air. Don't overdo the shoveling, take breaks and consider hiring a teenager to do it.

Now is a good time to over seed your lawn. The freezing and thawing of the soil can pull the seeds down into the little cavities. Do not walk on frozen lawns since it severely damages the frozen grass.

Thanks to John Everett who recently cut back a portion of the overgrown honeysuckle, scrub trees and other weeds at the Ferndale entrance.

The Hot Lane construction includes moving the Leesville sound wall; that means that the existing landscaping will be removed. As before VDOT has not budgeted funds for landscaping. We're trying to correct that

oversight. You are invited to comment on this and other Hot Lanes issues by e-mailing them at [six-yearprogram@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:six-yearprogram@VDOT.Virginia.gov).

Stay warm and don't forget the birds. We want to keep them around so they can eat those pesky bugs this summer.

## **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.

If you are looking to carpool send us your name, phone number, destination, and time of commute.

## **Membership**

Tricia Barnes

It is time to renew your membership in the Civic Association for 2009; dues are only \$15. The membership form is in the newsletter and it includes a place for you to list possible topics for upcoming meetings and committees you may want to join. We need your support to keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community.

The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. We help better the community by working to keep North Springfield a well kept safe area, keeping residents informed through the newsletters, 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 for concerns in Fairfax County.

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 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.
- 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.
- 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.

### **North Springfield Elementary School**

Christina Hayashida

We hope all of you choose to support our school this year - we appreciate your involvement in whatever capacity.

**Safety Issue -- Be Safe and alert—**Continue to be watchful of all the North Springfield children around the area, observe the speed limit, keep your kids safe in your cars by buckling up, and allow your children to cross at the crosswalk.

### **NSES Upcoming PTA Calendar Events**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February 16<sup>th</sup>

NSES PTA Meeting 7:00 (Library)  
President's Day—Holiday February

February 20<sup>th</sup>

"International Family Night" (6-8 pm)

We encourage every family to participate in this evening of international food tasting and a special event held in the gym and the cafeteria. Bring food to share and wear clothing that represents your culture.

February 24<sup>th</sup>

Curriculum Night (Holmes MS  
Lecture Hall 6:30-8:00)

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

SES PTA Meeting 7:00 (Library)

March 6<sup>th</sup>

NSES Bingo Night

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

Spring Break (No School)

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day Holiday (No School)

June 18<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of School

### **School Arrival Times and Tardy Procedures**

Students should arrive to school NO EARLIER than 7:30am. If your child is tardy parent(s)/guardian(s) must walk him or her in to the office to be in processed.

### **Leave Your Heelys at Home!**

Heelys are NOT ALLOWED in school, to include all after school activities.

### **Fund Raising**

Please re-register your Giant Bonus card, 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 ID No. 02079 www.giantfood.com
- HarrisTeeter.com ID No. 4530 www.harristeeter.com
- Escrip.com (Safeway) ID No. 6608321

The school also collects several other items: 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.

### **School Age Child Care (SACC)**

NSES SACC offers a safe environment and a place the 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 assistance contact the SACC administration office at (703) 449-8989.

Mail your business card or camera-ready proof with a check for the appropriate amount by February 19th to

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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 \$25 (3.5" x 2")  
Quarter Page \$45 (3.75" x 5")  
Half Page \$90  
Full Page \$180

Business Card \$5 (3.5" x 2")  
Quarter Page \$10 (3.75" x 5")  
Half Page \$20  
Full Page \$40

**Calendar Year January – December 2009**

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