



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

April 2009

- 1 NSCA General Meeting
- 12 Easter

May 2009

- 7 NSCA General Meeting
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General Meeting – April 1st
7:30 pm at the School

Spring Gardening

Mr. John Fish of Meadow Farms will be our guest to discuss ways to get the most from your landscaping this spring and to answer your questions. We'll also be raffling off some plants to get you started.

Being a good neighbor means:

Obedying the rules of the road in our neighborhood; don't speed, coast through stop signs, park too close to intersections (within 25 feet) or driveways (within 10 feet) or permit the use of unauthorized motor bikes on our streets, sidewalks or private property..

Remember that the rules of the road apply to all who use them; motor vehicles and bicycles. If you witness a violation call the police non-emergency number and report it.

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 1st General Meeting is spring gardening. This will be a great opportunity for you to get up to date on the latest products and techniques and get your questions about that problem area in your yard answered.

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 May 9th; Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 16th 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 participating in the spring camporee Sky Meadows State Park; in March we'll be touring the Gettysburg Battlefield. Weekly scout meetings address various scout skills and Eagle rank required merit badges. 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 and you don't have to join to try out one of our outdoor adventures; you can come as a guest.

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.

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

We held our annual Pinewood Derby! All of the boys worked hard on their cars and they were awesome! There were some super fast cars and very creative ones, too. Several of our Pack finalists even went on to participate in the District Pinewood Derby. Great Job!! Pack 890 would like to thank these scouts for their hard work and for representing our entire pack!! Our heartfelt appreciation goes to all who came out to show your support for the boys. It meant so very much!

In February, 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 our Scouts as they will soon graduate to the next level in scouting. This year's theme was "American ABC's", and we enjoyed the celebration!

In March our second year Webelos graduated to Boy Scouts; congratulations to all of them.

We would like to thank the North Springfield community for supporting our Monthly Newspaper Drive. Unfortunately, with the struggling economy, we will no longer be able

to continue it as a fundraiser for our Pack. Over the years, it has not only been a great source of income for our Pack, but has helped instill a great sense of community for our boys. We will miss being able to provide this community service to our friends and neighbors, and more importantly, we will miss the camaraderie it provided. Thank you for all of your support over the many years!

Beautification

Ed Stock

Spring is here! It is time to put away the snow shovel and get out the mower. It is also blossom time in North Springfield with an accompanying sneeze or two but ah, the beauty of another growing season.

Before long those mowers will be humming and perhaps some backs will be aching from what some may call Yard Work. I prefer to call it exercising while keeping your yard as well as our community beautiful. So get ready and when the weather warms up get out there and have at it. It's also a great time to meet your new neighbors, or maybe there is that elderly neighbor who may need a hand with some yard work this spring.

For those who are planning a Yard Sale and advertise the event on any pole you can find, please remember to remove your signs when the sale has ended.

Thanks to all who clean up the entrances to our community and take the time to pick up the trash around your neighborhood. We all benefit from your time and energy.

Enjoy the season...

NCSA 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.

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

FCPS FECEP/Head Start Program: The Fairfax Co. Public School FECEP/ Head Start Program is a **free** preschool program for income eligible families. To find out if you are eligible and to submit an application, please call (703) 277 2624 for English or (703) 277 2673 for Spanish.

Spring Break is approaching; hopefully many of you will have an opportunity to enjoy this time with your children and take advantage of our beautiful Lake Accotink Park. Please be alert for children in our neighborhood who are out enjoying their spring break.

Calendar Events

April 3 rd – 10 th	<u>Spring Break (No School)</u>
April 14 th	<u>NSES PTA Meeting 7:00 (Library)</u>
April 20 th	<u>Kindergarten Orientation 1:00 (Cafeteria)</u>
May 5 th	<u>NSES PTA Meeting 7:00 (Library)</u>
May 14 th	<u>Annual 5th Grade Art Exhibition Reception—Time TBA</u>
May 25 th	<u>Memorial Day Holiday (No School)</u>
June 2 nd	<u>Last NSES PTA Meeting for this school year at 7:00 (Library)</u>
June 18 th	<u>Last Day of School</u>

Safety Message from NSES: “Keep Kiss and Ride Safe”

- Please drive **SLOWLY** through the parking lot
- Drive in the direction of the painted arrows **ONLY**
- Remain in the K&R lane until the car ahead of you moves out
- **NO** vehicles should be parking OR driving through the side parking lot; this is for walkers **ONLY**.
- Children **SHOULD** be dropped off at school **AFTER** 7:30am.

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 Note: Giant Gift Card Purchase forms (available in English and Spanish) can be printed off by going to the NSES website at: http://nsespta.googlepages.com/links
- 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. 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.

Committee Chairs: North Springfield is waiting for you! There are several opportunities available for the upcoming school year. Our Current Committee Chairs would like the opportunity to train the new person before departing the positions. We gladly welcome anyone interested in devoting some time to this effort. If you are interested we

would like to hear from you. The available information about these positions can be found on the NSES PTA website at <http://nsepta.googlepages.com/links>. Note: Feel free to contact the PTA President if there is no contact listed. If you are interested in the Civic Association Newsletter Committee Chair or the SACC Committee Chair please contact me at Chayashida@Hotmail.com.

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.

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.

Association Officers

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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: _____

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 _____
