



P.O. Box 1007  
Springfield, VA 22151

# NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR

### May 2009

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

We are seeking volunteers for Clean-up day to help those people who are unable to bring items to the school due to physical impairments or transportation issues. If you have a vehicle and can help please contact us. If you need assistance please contact us; we can't guarantee service but we'll try if volunteers are available.

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General Meeting – May 6th  
7:30 pm at the School

### **Supervisor Cook & Hot Lanes Update**

Our new Braddock District Supervisor John Cook will be here to provide an overview of the recently approved budget and answer questions. Representatives from the Hot Lanes construction project will also be here to give us an update and answer questions.

### **Being a good neighbor means:**

Clean up after your dog and properly dispose of the waste. If you have your child walking your pet make sure they do the same. Don't leave the waste in other people's trash cans; take it home and dispose of it properly. Remember that trash companies do not accept animal waste; if it is visible in the trash can they will skip that can.

## **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

We have two topics for the May 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Braddock District Supervisor John Cook will give us an update on next year's county budget and representatives from the Hot Lanes project will give us an update on their progress. This is an excellent opportunity to get the latest information and have your questions answered.

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. Four 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>

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Ron & Kathy Kinzer

If you would like more information or to volunteer please call us at 703-941-6415 or email Ron at RKinzer@fairfaxva.gov

## **BSA Boy Scout Troop 990**

Skip Chaples

In May we'll be camping at Gettysburg and touring the battlefield. In June we'll be back in the mountains having fun. 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

Any boys currently in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, interested in joining Cub Scouts are welcome to come and see all the great things we are doing! Our Pack Meetings are at 7pm in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria on the third Thursday of each month. If your son is interested in Scouting, contact Cubmaster Dwight Sheppard at 703-912-6397. We have had such a wonderful year and we will close it with our graduation! Our Scouts will proudly bridge over to the next level in Cub Scouting at a special ceremony recognizing their hard work! It is a bitter-sweet moment for those Cub Scouts who will graduate to Boy Scouts. They will be embarking on a whole new journey and we wish them well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated parents who

have sewn on patches, planned community service events and worked tirelessly on accomplishing Scouting requirements to get their boys ready. Thank you to the North Springfield Community for your support of our Pack as we prepare these boys to be good citizens.

All are welcome to be a part of the Scouting experience! Join the fun!

### **Beautification**

Ed Stock

Some of the barberry shrubs on the Leesville median have had one too many encounters with wayward autos. We plan on replacing them with something different. We're looking at plants that will have summer flowers and perhaps be a smaller target for those drivers who have difficulty staying on the road.

Last fall we removed much of the overgrown shrubs at the Ferndale entrance so that we can now plant some grass seed to increase the size of the lawn on the east side near the sidewalk.

Along with the coming warm weather we expect another invasion by mosquitoes. These dirty devils can cause a number of diseases by their bite. The adult mosquitoes feed on animal and human blood. If we can eliminate their breeding grounds we can put a real dent in their numbers. Mosquitoes are poor fliers, so if they are a problem where you live, they most likely were bred in a still water source on or around your property. The most effective way to control them is to eliminate or treat the standing water where the larvae live. Mosquitoes need only a few tablespoons of water to breed. To eliminate the breeding in your backyard, check the following areas and tip containers and toss any standing water:

- Roof Gutters: clean out leaves and debris blocking and holding water.
- Discarded Cans & Containers: remove, store inside or turn upside down trash cans & lids, buckets, flower pots, pet water bowls.
- Bird Baths: clean and change the water every five to seven days.

- Wading Pools: change water regularly and turn over when not in use.
- Tarps: remove sagging areas.
- Miscellaneous: empty water from toys, wheelbarrows, wagons, and rain barrels.

If "tip & toss" is too much of a chore placing a spoonful or so of dish detergent in the standing water will also zap the larvae

Also remember that bats love to feed on mosquitoes as do some other birds so building a bat house or putting out some seed to attract our feathered friends could pay dividends.

If you are new to the neighborhood we welcome you. Please help your community by keeping your property maintained. We can all take pride in living in North Springfield by spending a little time mowing our grass and trimming our shrubs.

### **Ash Tree Killers**

If you have an ash tree in your yard, there is a new insect in Fairfax County – the emerald ash borer, a metallic green beetle. It attacks only ash trees and it has killed millions of these trees in other states. You can take steps to protect your ash trees, but it is important to act before they become infected.

You can treat your tree after it is infected, but insecticides will not work well once 20% of a tree's canopy is dead. The larvae, or immature stage of the borer, are creamy white in color and live under the bark. When they emerge the adult insect is a half-inch long beetle. Contact [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/pestspests.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/pestspests.htm) or phone 703-324-5304 for more information.

The VDOT number to call for POT HOLE repairs and to pick up washers, sofas etc someone else left at the curb is (703) 971-6677. VDOT is not in the trash hauling business but sometimes they "do what they can."

## 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.

## Yard Sale and Clean-Up Day

Our annual community yard sale is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. It's a great opportunity to turn that unwanted stuff in your closets and storage areas into vacation cash.

Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) and click on environment on the right hand side of the screen.

Please do not drop off items before the trucks arrive.

## Membership

Tricia Barnes

If you haven't already joined the Civic Association, we will be there on Clean-Up Day to accept your \$15 membership. Checks can be made out to NSCA or you can pay cash.

Be sure to check out our area of "Treasures" on Clean-Up Day. Everything is free. Even if you are not coming to drop off items, come by and you may find just the item you want. We usually have kid's toys, household items, chairs, bikes and lawnmowers.

## North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

This is my last newsletter; it has been a pleasure working with the NSES PTA Members and the NSES Civic Association Board Members. The NSES PTA is looking for someone to fill the positions of NSES Civic Association Liaison and SACC Liaison. If you are interested in my two positions or any other position within the NSES PTA visit their website <http://nsespta.googlepages.com/links>. There are several opportunities available and the Committee Chairs would like the opportunity to train the new person before departing the positions if possible.

## School Age Child Care (SACC)

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.

## Calendar Events

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	NSES PTA Meeting 7:00 ( <i>Library</i> )
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Annual 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Art Exhibition Reception—Time TBA
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Holiday ( <i>No School</i> )
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last NSES PTA Meeting for this school year at 7:00 ( <i>Library</i> )
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School

## 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.

**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.

**Fund Raising**

Just a few reminders that were in the previous newsletter: 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](http://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://nsesta.googlepages.com/links>
- [HarrisTeeter.com](http://HarrisTeeter.com) NSES ID No. 4530  
www.harristeeter.com
- [Escrip.com](http://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.

**Association Officers**

**President**

Scott Pratt (703) 256-2011

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Norma Heck (703) 256-1332

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**Newsletter**

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**Parks**

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Christina Hayashida (703) 582-3608

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month to:

N.S.C.A. Newsletter  
P.O. Box 1007  
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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.

**TEEN SUMMER JOB LIST – May 2009**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone -703</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Lawn Mowing</b>	<b>Yard Work</b>	<b>Baby Sitting</b>	<b>House Sitting</b>	<b>Pet Care</b>
Alejandra Benavides	732-3579	12		X		X	X
Judy Benavides	642-4696	18			X	X	X
Sarah Bergen	451-0642	14			X		X
Julia Copenhaver	658-2844	14			X	X	X
Jessie Diroll	354-0078	16				X	X
Caroline Dunleavy	863-1325	17			X		X
Caroline Edwards	658-0972	13			X		X
Ethan Edwards	658-0972	15	X	X			
Megan Flynn	866-7509	14			X		X
Sean Flynn	866-7509	13	X	X	X		X
Zack Gordon	569-0169	16	X	X			X
Megan Guglielmo	923-0840	14			X		X
Phillip Guglielmo	923-0840	15	X	X			X
Lenora Hatch	866-1328	27	X	X	X	X	X
Diana Herring	533-5383	15			X	X	X
Ashby Nelson	256-5280	15			X	X	X
Carly Potts	642-1459	13			X	X	X
Rowan Shartel	642-6371	14			X	X	X
Jacob Slee	642-3225	16	X				X
Brooke Terry	727-4140	14			X	X	X

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 -

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FEDERATION OF CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS  
MEMBERSHIP  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PLANNING & ZONING  
SECRETARY  
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:

Other Committees: \_\_\_\_\_

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Topics for upcoming programs:

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