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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – Oct 7th
7:30 pm at the School

Beltway Hotlanes Project:

Representatives from VDOT and the construction company will be here to provide status, schedules and answer your questions.

Being a good neighbor means:

Being considerate of your neighbors and the aesthetics of the neighborhood; just because you can doesn't make it right. We should all maintain our property and park our vehicles so that they do not obstruct the view or safety of others using our streets and sidewalks. And remember – Fairfax County ordinance prohibits parking on the grass.

Please vote on November 3rd. There are a number of important issues ranging from health care and taxes to education and transportation under consideration. Those we elect will make the decisions that affect each of us and our children for years to come so make sure your voice is heard.

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

President's Message

Norma Heck

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. The topic for the October 7th General Meeting is the Beltway Hotlanes Project. Civic association representatives have been working hard these past few months to ensure that the sound walls are built as soon as possible, fulfill their purpose and that the aesthetics of the neighborhood are restored. Construction has been slower and more disruptive than we'd like but progress is being made and the end is in sight. You can learn the status and get your questions answered at our next meeting.

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

November 3rd is Election Day; if you're 18 or older it is your privilege and obligation to vote.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed November 7th and collection will be from 9 and 11 am on November 14th. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this event and we hope everyone will support our scouts' efforts this year.

Clean Up Day

The Civic Association sponsored another very successful Cleanup Day in May. Six trash trucks were filled – three of them with metal items that will be recycled. A big thanks to Ron Kinzer for making all the arrangements and leading the project.

We had a lot of helpers who made the morning easier for everyone. Thanks to John Osipchak, Al Steadley, and Ralph Hassig for providing pickup trucks and helping to remove large items from residents who were not able to bring them to the school; to Jeff Schaefer, Calvin Coleman, Anthony and Conner Yi, Errol Arcienega, and Mike Warchal for helping direct traffic and unload items; and to Trish Coleman, Dawn Schaefer, Merrill Warchal, Thelma Cunningham, Irene Yarrow, and Thomas Cumming for collecting membership dues and overseeing the Trash to Treasure area.

We couldn't have done the job without your help.

Annandale Fall Festival and Parade

On Saturday, October 24th, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Fall Festival in the Safeway parking lot on Little River Turnpike. From 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM dozens of merchants with handmade and fashion jewelry, art work, quality giftware from major manufacturers, exquisite crafts and so much more will unveil their treasures.

Costumed international dancers, local bands, a D.J. and "The Taste of Annandale" with food from many culinary cuisines will be featured at this festival. The Kid's Zone will delight and challenge with a Mechanical Bull, 24' Dual Slides, Bungee Basketball, Bungee Run, a Sticky Wall, an Obstacle Course, Moon Bounce, Face Painters, a Nature Exhibit, a Reading Tent with costumed characters, and interactive games for toddlers to teens. The Annual Parade will be held along Columbia Pike from 10:00AM to Noon.

North Springfield Elementary School

The school is in need of volunteers and mentors for the students. If you have some free time during the day and would like to help please contact the school at (703) 658-5500.

North Springfield community members are invited to join the annual North Springfield Elementary School Tailgate on Friday, October 9th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. prior to the football game at Annandale HS. Join us at NSES school parking lot, where pizza and soda will be sold. We'll caravan to Annandale HS, and NSES students will meet at 7:05 pm in the end zone to run the field together before the game starts. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the school, (703) 658-5500, if you have further questions.

We're pleased to announce that all 190 Fairfax County public schools earned full accreditation from the VA Dept of Education based on the 2008-2009 Virginia Standards of Learning tests. Ratings are based on the achievement of students tested in the four core subjects in 2008-2009. Test results in each subject area are combined to produce overall passing percentages in English, mathematics, history and social science, and science.

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.

Membership

Tricia Barnes

Welcome to all new residents in our 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 and safe area; by keeping residents informed through the newsletters and emails; 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.

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

Fairfax County Noise Ordinance

County ordinance prohibits operating loud speakers, amplifiers and construction equipment 9pm-7am daily and 9am-9pm on Sunday. To register complaints contact the county's Zoning Enforcement branch at (703) 324-1300 during business hours. After hours call the Public Safety non-emergency number (703) 691-2131

Also prohibited is noise from TV, radio, instruments and animals that bark frequently and habitually any time when clearly audible across property lines. Police enforcement (703) 691-2131.

Memories of an Original Home Owner

Pat LeBeau

Leonard (Czyk) and Wanda Czajkowski were 33 and 28 years old respectively, when they became original owners of their new home in North Springfield back in April 1959. They were living on the 8th floor of an apartment building near



George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and were looking for a home in Arlington without success. They had friends who had recently moved here and Czyk was impressed with the width of Heming Avenue and the proximity of the elementary school to the homes in NS.

Homes east of Heming Avenue were already built and there were models of three types of houses: the rambler with a basement, the rambler without a basement, and the split level. They liked the split level and the price was right. They paid \$19,600, which included \$100 for an overhang over the garage and gave them an additional 30 square feet more than the regular split level. They chose a lot in the middle of the 7500 block of Elgar Street, west of Heming, which at the time, was all woods. Their mortgage payments were \$112 a month.

At the time, there were two builders. Carr built houses south of Dunston Street and Crestwood built houses north of Dunston. Czyk and Wanda's house was built in approximately five months by Crestwood and within one month other neighbors moved in next to them. The roads were not paved and there were no street lights. Ravensworth and Leesville did not have houses then.

Back in 1959 Annandale was a crossroads (Little River Turnpike & Ravensworth Road) called Kerlins Corner. There was a little country store called Kerlins. It stocked groceries and was the only store in the area. The only bank was the Bank of America, a small bank, located on Backlick and Commerce Streets. Bradlick Shopping Center did not exist and Ravensworth Shopping Center was a farm. There was no beltway. Lake Accotink existed but there was no park. Bill Rechin was our local cartoonist. He lived on Littleford Street; his comic strip, "Crock," appeared in The Washington Post.

Czyk remembers that back in the early 60s everybody had a carport or a garage, and cars were not parked on the streets. He doesn't remember anybody having two cars. It seemed that all the people who moved in were young couples with kids and the kids played on the street. Little League baseball was very prominent. Every kid walked to

school and since there were no fences, many kids just walked through yards to get there. At Halloween parents let their young kids trick-or-treat by themselves.

Now, 50 years later, Czyk is 83 years old. His beloved wife Wanda passed away in 1999 and his daughter Lisa moved in with him several years ago. Czyk has no plans to move. He says the PTA and the Civic Association and Neighborhood Watch program have made this an ideal community in which to live; and being retired; the traffic congestion doesn't bother him. He is sorry to see the construction at the Beltway and Braddock Road. He thinks our community has turned into a semi-retirement community and although he believes it is still the best development that exists in our area, he'd be a lot happier if there were more kids. He misses seeing them playing in the street now.

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

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

We continue to offer an exciting and active program for boys between the ages of 10½ and 17. You can learn more about our programs by contacting Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311 or by dropping by one of our Wednesday night scout meetings - 7:30 PM at North Springfield Elementary School.

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. 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

Venture Crew 990 is a group of young adults that do a wide variety of fun social, outdoor, and service activities. Our membership is co-ed, ages 14 to 20, and adult advisors. The Crew plan, schedule, arrange, and lead the activities. We are always ready to welcome new members. For more information on the Crew please contact Mike or Molly Stumpf at (703) 642-0982.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Dwight Sheppard

Any boys currently in grades 1-5, interested in joining Cub Scout Pack 890 are welcome to come and see all the great things we are doing! Our Pack Meetings are at 7:00 pm in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria on the third Thursday of each month.

We had a busy summer, camping overnight at Lake Fairfax and playing at the water park there. We held our Annual Raingutter Regatta against Pack 678 and took home the Commodore's Cup. We held an Ice Cream Social at NS Pool in August. Then we started off the year with a Bike Rodeo with the FCPD at NSES on our Join Scouting Night and had a great overnight Kickball Campout at Burke Lake. Thank you North Springfield for your support as we prepare these boys to be good citizens.

All are welcome to be a part of the Scouting experience! Contact Dwight Sheppard at (703) 928 9103 or dsheppard@capitolboilerworks.com.

Beltway Hotlanes Construction

Ed Stock

In August, representatives from the civic association, state and county government and Fluor-Lane Construction were given a tour of our community including stops in several back yards on Ravensworth Road and Jervis Street so they could experience firsthand the current noise levels that our community must contend with and the disruption it causes to our environment and daily routines. In September we had a private meeting with those same representatives and the effected homeowners so that they could learn firsthand how the problems were being solved and by when. For information on county's native plants initiative visit their web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/ima/whatareinvasives.htm

Construction of the section of the soundwall from Heming Avenue (by the school) to Ravensworth Road is scheduled to start in November and be complete next April. A section of the sound wall along Leesville Boulevard is scheduled to be redone in 2011. Further details on the project will be provided at the general meeting on October 7th.

Lake Accotink Dam Repairs

Chet McLaren

The Dam, built in 1943, will undergo significant repairs and improvements over the coming months. The loop trail crossing at the foot of the dam will be closed periodically for safety considerations during the September to December period.

Forty percent of the dam spillway face will be repaired where cracks have formed in the concrete surface. The wooden flashboards along the top of the dam, added to increase the depth of the lake, will also be replaced. Existing riprap (large stones used to prevent erosion) will be replaced and a gravel drainage feature will be installed to help move percolating water away from the earthen embankment's base. A new water monitoring system will track the amount of water flowing through the dam. Finally, about 200 feet of new concrete trail will be built.

The \$497,705 contract was awarded to the Coastal Gunitite Company of Cambridge, MD and is expected to be completed by March 2010. Project funding was provided in the 2004 Park Bond program.

Vegetation Along Property Lines

Trees and plants along property lines can become a point of contention between neighbors. While the law permits one to prune or trim plants hanging over your property, the courteous thing to do is to talk with your neighbor and reach a mutual understanding as to how the plants will be maintained and trimmed.

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\$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

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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 #: _____

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- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

- BEAUTIFICATION
- FEDERATION OF CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS
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NORTH SPRINGFIELD WINTER TEEN JOB LIST

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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)