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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – Nov 4th
7:30 pm at the School

Illegal Boarding Houses:

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay will speak to us about the recent indictment of a ring responsible for building illegal boarding houses throughout Fairfax County including some in our neighborhood.

Being a good neighbor means:

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining all the property in front of your home to include the strip between the sidewalk and road. Don't let the grass grow in the cracks and the curb build up with dirt and debris that can wash into the storm drains (thus Lake Accotink) when it rains.

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 so make sure your voice is heard.

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

Norma Heck

Over the past two years a lot of your civic association's time has been devoted to the issue of overcrowded McMansions; at times it appeared that nothing was happening or that we were losing the battle. On September 25th the Washington Post broke the story of the mortgage fraud scam wherein a group of people were deliberately defrauding mortgage companies to build McMansions to use as boarding houses. Supervisors Bulova and McKay, the Enforcement Strike Team and other law enforcement officials have been collecting evidence over the past two years. Supervisor McKay will be our guest speaker on November 4th. He will give us the details on how they cracked this ring as well as insight into what will happen to the properties involved. To date 34 homes have been linked to scam; 1 in our community. As many as 200 homes may be involved; 7 more of them in our community.

Thanks to Ron Kinzer for his many years of service to the community as head of our Neighborhood Watch. Ron has stepped down from that position but will remain on the board as our coordinator for Community Service Projects which includes the annual clean-up day. Welcome to Maryann Germaine who has joined the board to head up our Neighborhood Watch Program.

We received a number of compliments on the "Memories of an Original Homeowner" story. If you have a story about the neighborhood or a person of interest please pass it along for use in a future newsletter. Your recollections may not be perfect but the gist of your story is important. We have a lot of young/new residents who enjoy learning about the history of our community.

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

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 November 14th between 9 and 11 am. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this important event and we hope everyone will support our scouts' efforts this year.

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.

October Newsletter Corrections

Some of readers correctly pointed out that there is not a total noise restriction on Sundays from 9 am to 9 pm. The Sunday noise restriction applies only to construction equipment.

With respect to the "Memories of an Original Homeowner" story, some of our other original homeowners did note that they had a different recollection of what the neighborhood looked like back then; for example they recall that there were a few homes on Ravensworth and Leesville.

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 Thursday 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.

To ensure fairness, 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.

Awardees will be listed on our website so residents can see our choices before the season is over and the displays are taken down.

Youth Making a Difference

Most of us often find ourselves saying that I'd love to get involved with "something" but I'm just too busy. During those rare moments when we're truly honest with ourselves we have to admit it's not that we're too busy; it's that we chose to make something else more important.

On a drizzly October Saturday morning some families on Flag Run and Bellington Avenue

gathered for the "First Annual" Flag Run Creek Clean Up. Organized by eighth-grader Allie Vogus, the event featured several hours of enthusiastic trash removal, creek exploration, laughter and a little splashing, followed by thorough hand washing, hot chocolate and donuts. About 15 adults and children attended in all. Thanks to Allie and all the Vogus family for hosting a fun morning of environmental stewardship, and a great opportunity to spend time with new and longtime neighbors!

Membership

Tricia Barnes

The Civic Association year is from January to December so now is time to renew your membership for 2010. The membership dues are only \$15 and the membership form is in this newsletter and on our web site. 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 your support to help keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community.

The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. The civic association is set up to 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 the highlights of what your Civic Association does for our residents and 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.

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.

Beltway Hotlanes Construction

Ed Stock

Ed is our representative on the task force working to make sure residents affected by the soundwall changes are updated on what is happening. The representative also will be involved with helping to make sure our community has landscaping done along the walls and provide information to homeowners on suggested plants they can use in their yards to soften the soundwalls.

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. If you are interested in the Troop 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. No prior experience required.

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

Join Cub Scouts! Join Cub Scouts! Join Cub Scouts! Join Cub Scouts!

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.

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

David C. Field



For those who may not have heard David C. Field, a long-time resident of North Springfield passed away on August 12, 2009. David grew up in Washington, DC and

attended Central High School and American University. While serving in the United States Navy from 1941 to 1945, he was stationed in Dallas and Hawaii where he worked as an aviation machinist. In the 1940's and 1950's, David worked for American Airlines and Peruvian International Airlines. Later jobs included sales and public relations. Most recently, he worked for Mobil Oil in Washington, DC and Capital Limo in Alexandria. David was an extrovert who never knew a stranger and was best known for his sweet and cheerful nature, his generosity, and his intense interest in everyone he knew. He loved flea markets, yard sales, antique shows, and helping anyone in need.

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Newsletter Advertising

Take advantage of our low prices and your ad will be seen in print and on our website by over 2,300 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.

Need help with yard work? - Following are neighborhood Teenagers who are interested in part time work.

TEEN WINTER JOB LIST - NOVEMBER 2009

Name	Phone -703	Age	Snow Removal	Yard Work	Baby Sitting	House Sitting	Pet Care
Oliver Alwes	451-5624	15	X				
Bart Bolander	256-0084	27	X	X		X	X
Sam Boothby	333-3031	14	X	X		X	X
Julia Copenhaver	314-0271	15			X	X	X
Jessie Diroll	354-0078	16				X	X
Kelly Dwyer	569-8108	16			X	X	X
Ben Dannholtz	941-9250	12	X	X			
Megan Flynn	866-7905	15			X		
Amy Frady	717-645-2541	27			X	X	
Allan Hall	866-1035	13	X	X			
Jenny Hall	866-1035	11			X		X
Brandon Hughes	354-7402	12	X	X			
Ashby Nelson	256-3065	16			X	X	X
Noah Nelson	256-3065	11					X
Hannah Listopad	569-8669	13			X		X
Carly Potts	642-1459	13			X	X	X
Robert Potts	642-1459	17	X				
Joey Scally	354-9237	16				X	X
Rachel Wattenbarger	254-6847	18			X	X	

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Calendar Year January – December 2010

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: _____

E-Mail: _____

- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

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PLANNING & ZONING
SECRETARY
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:
Other Committees: _____

Topics for upcoming programs:

