



P.O. Box 1007
Springfield, VA 22151

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

March 2010

- 3 NSCA General Meeting
- 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins

April 2010

- 4 Easter
- 7 NSCA General Meeting

May 2010

- 5 NSCA General Meeting
- ? Community Yard Sale
- ? Community Cleanup Day

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General Meeting – March 3rd 7:30 pm at the School

Open Program

Our planned speaker for March canceled just before we went to print. We will arrange for another speaker on a topic of interest and importance to the community. The topic will be posted on the web site prior to the meeting.

Being a good neighbor means:

Preparing to repair the storm damage on your property when the snow melts. Gutters are down and many shrubs and trees have sustained damaged due to the weight of the snow. The sooner these problems are addressed the less expensive the solution and the better our neighborhood will look. Curb appeal is an important factor in sustaining property values in our community.

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at
www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm

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

President's Message

Norma Heck

We hope everyone survived the snow storms. Thank you to those who cleared the snow from sidewalks in front of your home, at the school, around the fire hydrants and mail boxes and moved your cars so the plows could widen our roads. For those who did not clear the snow from the sidewalk and/or remove your cars we encourage you to do so next time. Government does not perform this task; they leave it to the citizens and by not doing your fair share you're inconveniencing your neighbors, making our neighborhood less safe and extending the time it takes for us to get our community back to normal.

Welcome to Ivan Carrasco who has joined the Civic Association board as PTA Liaison. He replaces Christina Hayashida who did a great job for us the past few years. Ivan and his wife Maria moved to North Springfield last September and have two children; Monica 5 and Ivan 4.

On a personal note my phone was out for over 2 weeks during the storm period. I apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by not being able to reach me.

Census 2010

April 1 is Census Day and it's critical for everyone living in Fairfax County to fill out and mail back their census form by this date. Why? Census data helps determine how the federal government distributes millions of dollars to local communities. This includes money for grants to nonprofits, as well as money for programs that serve low-income populations. As an example, Fairfax County Government received more than \$359 million in federal funds in fiscal year 2008 based on census results alone. Almost \$6 million of this money was given to fund Community Development Block Grants, and more than \$5 million funded Social Services Block Grants. In addition, the county received millions of dollars for services that directly benefit residents, such as housing, health care programs.

New Parking Restrictions

On December 7, 2009 the Board of Supervisors approved changes to Section 82-5-7 of the Fairfax County Code, which prohibits parking of commercial vehicles in residential districts. The code changes are intended to better define commercial vehicles in the County code, in order to improve parking enforcement and respond to complaints about large/commercial vehicles parking on residential streets. The effective date of these changes is February 1, 2010 followed by a 30 day warning period.

The grace period is over and the police will now start ticketing vehicles which are not permitted to park in the community.

The restrictions do not apply to commercial vehicles when temporarily parked while performing work or service.

For Additional information go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkingcodechanges.htm

Neighborhood Watch

Maryann Germaine

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 email Maryann at mgermaine@cox.net

Beautification

Ed Stock

We're looking forward to beginning another season of sprouting, mowing and raking. Spring is on the way! If you sustained damage to your vegetation please take the time to fix it this spring. Most plants can be salvaged with some careful pruning and TLC. It may take them a season or two to fill back in the broken branches you removed but they will come back. In the event a plant is totally destroyed remove it and plant something new.

Scouting's 100th Anniversary

2010 is the 100th anniversary of scouting in the United States. To celebrate this summer there will be a scout parade and exhibit on the Washington Mall starting July 25th and lasting into early August.

Your civic association is the proud sponsor of our local Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs in North Springfield. Their annual Friends of Scouting campaign is going on now. If you would like to contribute this anniversary year send your tax deductible donation payable to BSA NCAC FOS to Skip Chaples, 7453 Long Pine Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22151.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

This spring we will be taking Scuba certification classes. Weekly scout meetings address various scout skills and Eagle rank required merit badges.

We have a list of house numbers 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.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Cub Scout Pack 890 has been very busy this winter. Our Pinewood Derby was delayed by the snow storms; results will be available next month.

In February we celebrated scouting's 100th anniversary at our Blue and Gold Banquet; in March our older boys will be transitioning to Boy Scouts.

All boys in grades 1-5 are urged to join. We meet the third Thursday of each month at NSES, in the cafeteria. If you have any questions please contact Andy Butler at (571) 436-4292.

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

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their membership form. The Civic Association appreciates your being a part of and helping to support the community.

It is not too late to send in your membership form for 2010. Thank you also to the members who included an extra donation.

North Springfield Elementary School

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

Kindergarten Orientation - If you will have a kindergartener next fall, please join us for Kindergarten Orientation, scheduled on April 19th at 1:00 p.m. For questions please call the school at (703) 658-5500.

Do you have an hour per year or 30 minutes per week to help students in your community? Here are two new opportunities to share your talents:

North Springfield Elementary School currently has 44 students in its mentoring program. All of the current mentors are teachers and staff members. The school needs volunteers from our community to help as the need for mentoring continues to grow. This is a wonderful way to get involved and help students succeed. Training is provided, and the

time commitment is just 30 minutes a week. To learn more contact Jennifer Mrowka at (703) 658-5500 or JBMrowka@fcps.edu.

Do you love art and wish to share your interest with NSES students? GRACE Arts is a brief, ready-to-use art presentation followed by a short student art project. Community volunteers are needed to lead or assist another volunteer. Training is provided, the time commitment is about one hour, as little as once a year or up to three times per school year. The remaining topics for this year are Children in Art and Women in Art. Artistic ability is not necessary! Please contact Dana Cibulski at (703) 642-0375 or danacibulski@cox.net for more information.

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.

Fund Raising

Please register your Giant Bonus card, Harris Teeter VIC card, Safeway Card and Target 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.

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).

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.

Hot Lanes Project

Heavy February snows have impacted the HOT Lanes project at Braddock Road and sound wall work for North Springfield. Crews are working to remove snow from the interchange and behind homes along Ravensworth/Jervis. Once crews can remove the snow, sound wall and Braddock Road bridge deck work will resume. All steel beams for the new Braddock Road Bridge have been installed and crews will continue bridge deck work with concrete to be poured this spring. The project is still on schedule to shift traffic to the new bridge in Spring 2010. Utility relocations are still underway and the project will need to do full weekend closures of ramps to and from Braddock Road and the Beltway. Please visit www.VAMegaprojects.com for updated information on roadway closures.

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 March, April, May, October, November, or February.

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 February 19th to

N.S.C.A. Newsletter
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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

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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 -

BEAUTIFICATION
MEMBERSHIP
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
PLANNING & ZONING
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:

Other Committees: _____

Topics for upcoming programs:

Boy Scout Fundraiser

Need your House Number
painted on your curb?

Call Boy Scout Troop 990
(703) 644-1311