



P.O. Box 1007
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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

April 2010

- 4 Easter
- 7 NSCA General Meeting

May 2010

- 5 NSCA General Meeting
- 15 Community Yard Sale
- 22 Community Cleanup Day
Community Block Party

Congratulations to the North Springfield Swim Club; they're celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

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General Meeting – April 7th 7:00 pm at the School

Pizza & Planning

Over the past few months we've endured record snowfall, an extended recession and some of the coarsest political dialog in our nation's history. Spring is here and we all need a break.

It's time to party!

Your Civic Association wants to sponsor a community block party at the North Springfield Pool following the cleanup day activities on May 22nd. To do so we need your help to suggest activities and volunteer to help organize and staff them.

The event should be both fun and informative for our residents so please attend on the 7th; enjoy some pizza and soft drinks; and help us kick off the summer season in style.

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

Please join us at our next meeting April 7th and help us organize a block party for May 22nd. Our community needs some activities to bring neighbors together in a relaxed atmosphere and we want to get the ball rolling.

Now that the weather has improved we hope everyone gets out in the yard and makes any necessary repairs to their home and landscaping. North Springfield's curb appeal helps retain the value of our property. We are addressing the damage to the common areas that are maintained by the Civic Association and will make the appropriate repairs this spring.

If you come across a pothole that needs fixing you can report it to VDOT by going to their website at www.virginiadot.org.

If you'd like to express your opinion on a current issue directly to the White House the contact form is on their web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>.

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.

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

Road Cleanup

Because the damage and mess from the unprecedented snow events is so widespread, VDOT has asked for the county's help with cleaning up the 17,000 miles of roads in Northern Virginia. The Sheriff's Office's Community Labor Force (CLF) is cleaning up dirt mounds dislodged by VDOT snowplows and, where possible, putting sod back in place.

The CLF consists of non-violent offenders accompanied by personnel from the Sheriff's Department. This resource provides an innovative approach to incarceration and work release. Labor crews already provide services to the county that include graffiti removal, blight abatement, countywide litter pickup, bus stop maintenance, and overall beautification. They partner with other county agencies to provide light landscaping services on county-owned property, saving taxpayer dollars.

Residents and businesses are also asked to assist in this effort. In many cases, the sod plowed up in the VDOT right-of-way is still alive, and can be transplanted back on the sides of the roads. If there is a damaged area in front of your home please fix it. If you need assistance or advice as to what to do, please contact Ed Stock.

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

All four of our entrances have endured varying degrees of winter storm damage. This spring we will be working on repairing and replacing shrubs at those affected entrances. We have been in touch with Verizon about the damaged evergreens that surround the telephone cabinets on Ferndale and with VDOT about the ruts at the Ravensworth entrance. Cal Salch has planted more tulips and John Everett is adding flowers to the beds on the median at Backlick and Leesville. Fred Felber was able to remove several large pine branches that the snow broke off and covered the brick sign on Ferndale and Braddock. Thanks to all these neighbors who helped out.

Construction on the sound wall has resumed, after the snow stopped work for at least two weeks. Most of the poles to support the partitions are in place from the school around the beltway toward Braddock Road. The new westbound bridge will be finished soon. Traffic will then be shifted to it so that the eastbound bridge can be dismantled and replaced.

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.

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.

Beware of Con Artists

The police remind us that with the warm weather come the reports of "contractors" going door to door. Be aware that contractors need a solicitor's license in Fairfax County; if they don't have one please call the non-emergency number (703) 691-2131 when you see this type of activity. While the "contractor" may have been doing legitimate work at your or your

neighbor's home, they may have scammed some else in another neighborhood.

Most residential building contractors are reputable. They will endeavor to do their best to complete the job within budget, on time and with quality results. However, it's a fact that not all contractors are good or honest. You should always keep this in your mind and know what to watch out for when it comes to scammers or even inexperienced professionals. Warning signs to look for include:

- Soliciting for work door-to-door
- Discounts that seem too good to be true
- Requesting cash payments only
- No business address or phone number listed in the phone book
- Asking you to obtain permits
- Special price offers
- Requesting full payment up front
- Suggesting a lender "they know"

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. In April the 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, carpooling 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.

Membership

Tricia Barnes

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their membership form. The Civic Association appreciates you 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.

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
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

Association Officers

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Neighborhood Watch

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Newsletter

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Political Liaison

Norma Heck (703) 256-1332

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Ivan Carrasco (703) 462-9474

Dear North Springfield Neighbors,

Fairfax County Code section 110-3-1 prohibits the storage of any inoperative, unregistered, uninspected or expired motor vehicle or trailer on private property. Fairfax County has asked local civic associations to provide residents with information about options for bringing affected vehicles into compliance, so that residents might avoid action by the Police Department.

In order to achieve compliance one must:

- Repair the vehicle and update all registrations and inspections;
- Remove the vehicle from the property; or
- Fully enclose the vehicle within a building or structure, or completely screen it from view so that it is not visible from any side of the property.

Police action could include the issuance of a summons to court, a fine of up to \$1,000, and the towing and impoundment of the inoperative vehicle. The county tow contractor will charge a minimum of \$175 plus \$60 per day to store the vehicle.

The two charities below will tow an inoperative vehicle for free, and give the owner a tax deduction. The owner provides the vehicle's title.

Salvation Army – 703-642-9270

www.thesalvationarmycardonationprogram.org

Purple Heart – 1-888-414-GIVE

www.purpleheartcars.org

Belvoir Salvage, a private salvage company, will also provide free towing in exchange for the vehicle's title, or in some cases without a title. Depending on the vehicle's make, model and condition, they may also pay for the inoperative vehicle.

703-819-8343

For any questions about inoperative vehicles, please feel free to contact Officer J.P. David, Fairfax County Police Impound Section, at 703-280-0716.

Thank you,

North Springfield Civic Association

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:

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 _____

Estimados Vecinos de North Springfield,

El código de Fairfax County sección 110-3-1 prohíbe guardar cualquier vehículo o tráiler inoperante, sin registro, sin inspección o con estas expiradas dentro la propiedad privada. Fairfax County ha pedido a las asociaciones cívicas locales proveer a los residentes información acerca de las opciones que se tiene para poner los vehículos afectados dentro el reglamento, para que de esta manera los residentes puedan evitar la acción del Departamento de Policía.

Para lograr poner en reglamento uno debe:

- Reparar el vehículo y poner al día todos sus registros e inspecciones;
- Remover el vehículo de la propiedad; o
- Cubrir completamente el vehículo dentro una edificación o estructura, o completamente sacarlo de vista para que no sea visible desde ningún lado de la propiedad.

La acción de la Policía puede incluir una cita ante la corte, una multa de hasta \$1,000 y el retiro e incautación del vehículo inoperante. La empresa que realice el retiro del vehículo le cobrara un mínimo de \$175 más \$60 por día que guarde el mismo.

Las siguientes organizaciones de caridad pueden retirar un vehículo inoperante gratis, y darle al dueño una reducción de impuestos. El dueño entrega el título del vehículo:

Salvation Army – 703-642-9270

www.thesalvationarmycardonationprogram.org

Purple Heart – 1-888-414-GIVE

www.purpleheartcars.org

Belvoir Salvage, una compañía privada, también retira el vehículo gratis en intercambio por el título del mismo, o en algunos casos sin el título. Dependiendo de la marca del vehículo, modelo y condición del mismo, ellos podrían pagar por el vehículo inoperante. **703-819-8343**

Para cualquier pregunta de vehículos inoperantes, por favor llame al Oficial J.P. David, Policía de Fairfax County, Sección de Incautación, al 703-280-0716.

Atentamente,

Asociación Cívica de North Springfield