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

Beltway Hotlanes Project:
Representatives from VDOT and Transurban and Fluor will be here to provide status, schedules and answer your questions.

Candidates:
Those running for US Representative will be here to state their positions and answer your questions.

Being a good neighbor means:
Driving responsibly and watching out for kids now that school is open.

Please vote on November 2nd. 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

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. The topic for the October 6th General Meeting is the Beltway Hotlanes Project and candidates for the US House of Representatives. Your civic association has been working hard 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 from Braddock along the neighborhoods facing the beltway is near completion; the wall near the school should be replaced in October and work along the Leesville wall will start soon after that. 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 2nd 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 6th and collection will be between 9 and 11 am on November 13th. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this important event. The need is greater than ever and we hope everyone will support our scouts’ efforts this year.

Welcome and thank you to Celeste Leyhe for volunteering to be the new civic association secretary. Celeste and her husband moved to North Springfield in 1991. She graduated from the University of Dayton; worked for Nordstrom as a buyer for 14 years and is now a stay at home mom with two boys; Ryan 7 and Will 2.

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. Thanks to Ron Kinzer for making all the arrangements and leading the project as well as all the volunteers who assisted. We couldn’t have done the job without your help.

Community Social

Our first annual Community Social at the pool last May was a great success. The civic association, pool and PTA all got new members. Hundreds of hot dogs were consumed and everyone enjoyed the music of two neighborhood high school bands that provided the entertainment; thanks to Jeff Bynum and his band mates and Michael Lavelle and his band mates for sharing their talents with us.

Annandale Fall Festival and Parade

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a spectacular Fall Festival in the Safeway parking lot on Little River Turnpike. This is the largest public event in Greater Annandale. From 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM scores of merchants with handmade and fashion jewelry, ceramics, imported silks, pet accessories, art work, quality giftware from major manufacturers, exquisite crafts and so much more will fill the community market.

Multiple rock bands and Jazz groups will set your toes tapping while “The Taste of Annandale” with food from many culinary cuisines will satisfy every taste craving. The Kid’s Zone will challenge with a Climbing Wall, 24’ Dual Slides, Bungee Run, Sticky Wall, Obstacle Course, Moon Bounce, Reading Tent with costumed characters, Musical Petting Zoo, Treasure Hunt, and interactive games for toddlers to teens. The Annual Parade, held since 1950, will march along Columbia Pike from 10 am to NOON and finish at the Festival Grounds bringing thousands more with it.

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.

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 and is available on our website.
Membership
Tricia Barnes

Fall is in the air and that means the Civic Association is getting ready to start our programs for the year. The membership year runs from Jan 2010 to Jan 2011. If you have not already joined or are a new resident there is a membership form in this newsletter. It would be great if you checked off an area you are interested in helping with or any program topics you would like for a future meeting. None of the offices or committees takes a big amount of time, but it would be nice to have more people involved.

If you are new to North Springfield, please make note of that on your membership form. We have some general information on the community we would like to give you.

Our biggest monthly expenses are the newsletter and maintenance of the common areas within North Springfield. The newsletter is an important communication tool to keep you updated on what is happening. The web site www.NSCIVIC.org is another association service provided to let you know of important happenings in the neighborhood and also has copies of the Newsletters available. There is a place on the membership form for your email address. If there is something happening in the community we think is important for you to know, you will receive an email. Please make sure to print your email address clearly.

One of the biggest areas that the civic association has been involved this last year (and continues to be involved) is having a voice in the meetings on the HOT Lane projects. Ed Stock, Beautification committee, has been the board's main contact is making sure our community concerns and needs are known. He has met with VDOT, Transurban and Fluor-Lane construction frequently. Ed, Norma Heck and our State Representative Vivian Watts have pushed for higher sound walls and landscaping for all the new walls that boarder our community. They have also attended several meetings with Fairfax. County Restoration Project (FCRP) that included representatives from VDOT, Transurban & Fluor-Lane in a public private partnership to reforest the areas where trees and ground cover were removed.

Your NSCA continues to seek funds to reforest those areas cleared by the construction. This includes areas on both sides of the sound wall. Our concerns are both the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood and environmental controls.

We are developing a list of native plants that are recommended for those who want to plant ground cover or shrubs on their own.

Beautification
Ed Stock

Several maintenance projects were completed over the summer:

- The white signs at every entrance were repaired and painted.
- The shrubs around the telephone cabinets at the Ferndale entrance were returned to their upright position after the snowstorm flattened them all.
- We did major pruning to shrubs blocking the sidewalks and removed dead branches from some trees on Leesville. There is still more to do on Leesville including one dead crabapple tree that will be cut down.
- We removed branches that were blocking speed limit and stop signs at various locations around our community.

The sound wall next to the N.S. elementary school will be next with tear down and rebuild scheduled to start in late September or early October. The new wall will be 4 feet taller than the old wall and moved back closer to the chain fence. Reforesting around the new wall is dependent on how much room there is between the wall and chain fence. An 800 foot section of the sound wall on Leesville Boulevard, starting near Joplin Street, will be moved 8-10 feet closer to the street. This project will be starting sometime after October. We are looking at obtaining some grant funds to reforest the section that is moved.

During the summer VDOT has been responsive to our requests for repairing pot holes, lane markings and bridge delineators on the old and new Braddock Road bridges. VDOT also reports that all of the steel from the old bridges over the entire Hot Lanes corridor has been removed.
This fall we plan to refurbish and replant many of the shrubs on the Leesville median strip including the pruning and shaping of the Bradford Pear trees.

Your membership dues and donations fund our beautification efforts in north Springfield. Please join in keeping our community a place we can all be proud of.

**Neighborhood Watch**  
Maryann Germaine

**Improve Our Neighborhood Safety in Just 2 Hours per Year!** During the past months, a number of our North Springfield neighbors have found themselves victims of thefts. In some cases, tools and construction or lawn equipment have been stolen from locked sheds or vans; in others, items have been stolen from unlocked cars or homes with unsecured doors or windows. Most crimes occur on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Is there anything we can do to protect ourselves?**  
Yes! First and foremost, be sure your property does not invite criminals. Lock doors and windows of your home and automobiles--everyday; trim overgrown shrubs near your home. Call the police at our Franconia District office (703) 691-2131 to schedule a free security check of your property. Be wary of solicitors and door-to-door contractors. Solicitors and vendors are required to wear a Fairfax County permit.

**How about keeping our nearest neighbors safe?**  
Have trusted neighbors watch your property when you are away, and offer to hold their mail or water their plants for them in return. Let them know when you notice unusual vehicles or visitors that stand apart from the normal rhythms of your street. If in doubt, call (703) 691-2131 and let a patrol officer on duty check it out.

**How can we improve safety for all of North Springfield?** Join the Neighborhood Watch! All that is required is two hours per year---training and equipment are provided. You may fit Neighborhood Watch into your schedule whenever it is most convenient, daytime or nighttime, weekday or weekend.

Neighborhood Watch acts as the eyes and ears of our community. After a short training, you choose one week per year when you will do a patrol or two.

You’ll receive a neighborhood map, door magnets for your car, and a cell phone to call FCPD if needed, which is rare, if ever. Bring a family member or friend for company, and simply drive the neighborhood streets slowly, keeping an eye out for suspicious activity. You never leave your car, and you are completely safe while performing this vital community service for North Springfield!

Active neighborhood watches have been shown to improve a community’s sense of control over crime, and serve as an unpredictable yet visible deterrent to individuals looking to commit crimes of opportunity. We know all of our residents are busy, but your two hours added to those of other North Springfield neighbors can make a huge difference. Wave a thank you the next time you see Neighborhood Watch volunteers on your street!

**Please come to a short training session for existing and potential Neighborhood Watch volunteers.** On Monday, October 18th, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at North Springfield Elementary School cafeteria, Crime Prevention Officer Jim Reid from the Franconia District FCPD will cover the basics you need to know and answer your questions.

Thank you for your help, and I look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

**NSCA Website**  
Skip Chaples

Our website contains the newsletter as well as valuable information about the community and local government. We’ve also added a photo gallery to the website. Send us your favorite picture of North Springfield.

**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.

Congratulations to Camron Mahboob, Chris Fuller and Kamin Horvath; they all achieved the rank of Eagle Scout over the summer.
Cub Scout Pack 890

Any boys currently in Kindergarten through 4th 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 or you have any questions please contact Andy Butler at (571) 436-4292.

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

North Springfield Elementary School PTA Fundraiser

Do you shop at Giant? If so, you can help NSES PTA fund school activities by purchasing Giant grocery cards.

Use the cards like cash at Giant. The school gets 4% from Giant for every dollar purchased. Buy $20, $50, or $100 cards. They never expire.

Contact Beth Buckreis at 703-913-7115 to purchase the cards. We will deliver them to your door.

Boy Scout Fundraiser

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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER DRIVE
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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.

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