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February 2011
  2  NSCA General Meeting
  21  Presidents Day

March 2011
  2  NSCA General Meeting
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April 2011
  6  NSCA General Meeting
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May 2011
  4  NSCA General Meeting
   ?  Community Yard Sale
   ?  Community Cleanup Day

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General Meeting – February 2nd
7:30 pm at the School

Thinking about a home renovation? The topic of the meeting will be saving money either through energy efficient systems for the home or recycled building materials. The guest speaker(s) for this program has not been finalized.

Being a good neighbor means:

Fulfilling our obligations as citizens. We all know our rights and are quick to speak up when we believe someone is infringing upon them but we can be less mindful of our obligations. Our constitution is based on the assumption that we have an informed and involved citizenry. People obey the law; pay attention to issues; respectfully voice their opinions; vote; and volunteer in their community. There is a lively debate going on in our country about the role of government. When engaging in that debate we should consider how we view government’s role with respect to filling voids that adversely affect us all, that are created when too many citizens either can’t or don’t fulfill their obligations. Do we want government to fill that void or all of society to bear the consequences?

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or visit Hwww.nscivic.orgH for current community information
President’s Message
Norma Heck

We hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season and we wish all our residents the best for 2011.

Given the state of our economy and the strain on our natural resources this month’s meeting will address either energy efficient systems for our homes or savings through recycling building materials. There are a number of new cost saving technologies and approaches one may consider for their next home renovation.

Over the next few months our elected officials will be making important decisions about school districts, budgets and political districts that will affect all of us for years to come. This newsletter summarizes those decisions and how your voice can be heard; additional details are on our website. Every citizen has an obligation to stay abreast of these issues and make their views known to their elected officials.

We thank all the residents who decorated for the holidays. The neighborhood looked wonderful. With so many nice looking homes it was difficult for us to narrow our selection. We did our best and awarded recognition to:

Traditional Christmas
1. 5401 Heming Avenue
2. 5501 Atlee Place
3. 5627 Heming Avenue

Continued Excellence from last year
• 5406 Fremont Street
• 5404 Backlick Woods Court
• 5203 Heming Avenue
• 5414 Ives Place

Best Grouping of decorated homes
• Anola & Webbwood Courts

Best Decorated Outside Trees
• 5503 Atlee Place
• 7603 Boulder Street
• 7230 Chatham Street
• 7406 Jervis Street
• 7415 Jervis Street

Honorable Mention

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Your Civic Association has remained very active representing the community but our membership has declined. This is making it difficult for us to sustain the level of service required because the costs for the newsletter and beautification continue to rise. A strong and unified neighborhood is a key factor in the success of our residents, students and schools – we are many races, ages, and backgrounds, but one community. Have you joined the civic association? Do you volunteer at the schools? Would you consider mentoring a HS student? Would you participate in a neighborhood revitalization effort? Could you be a “Block Captain”? Can you give a couple of hours a month to the Neighborhood Watch program? If you’re not participating in our community, please do. If you are participating and know someone who isn’t, ask them to pitch in too.

Inoperable Vehicles

Fairfax County Code section 110-3-1 prohibits the storage of any inoperative, unregistered, uninspected or expired motor vehicle or trailer on private property. If you have one, please get it repaired or removed quickly. 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.

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. 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.
Ravensworth Post Office Relocation

As was announced last year the Ravensworth Post Office is being reduced in size and they were looking for a new, smaller location. In late February or March the Ravensworth Post Office will move to its new location; about 30 feet from the current one. It will be in the space across the walkway from the current front door; previously occupied by a flower shop. The new Post Office will have counter and PO Box services; home mail delivery is being moved to the Burke Post Office. The only unresolved issue is the procedure for holding mail. They do not know yet whether we’ll be able to stop and resume our mail service at the Ravensworth Post Office or have to go to the Burke Post Office; 9501 Burke Rd, Burke Virginia 22015.

Fairfax County Budget

The 2012 budget process is underway and there will be more spending cuts. If you’d like a say in where those cuts are made here is the schedule for the budget process.

- Feb 3rd – School Board releases their proposed budget; you can go online and review it
- Feb 22nd – County Executive releases his proposed budget which includes transfer to the schools; you can go online and review it
- Mar 29th – 31st – Public hearings on the budget
- Apr 26th – Board of Supervisors approves 2012 budget
- May 17th, 18th – School Board holds public hearings on their final budget
- May 26th – School board approves 2012 budget
- July 1st – 2012 budget goes into effect

Political Redistricting

Following the census, conducted every 10 years, the Government is required to adjust political district boundaries to ensure that each one represents approximately the same number of people. While most citizens don’t engage in this process, it is important; particularly for communities like North Springfield that reside on the boundary between two or more political districts. When district lines have to be changed it is those of us on the boundaries that feel the impact. The new political boundaries will be in effect for the state and county elections to be held November 8th.

The census data related to state population distribution is expected to be released in March; at that time our political leaders will have the information necessary to review and adjust district boundaries. We will be following this process and inform you if our community may be impacted by redistricting. We’ll also pass along schedules for the process as they become available.

At the federal level we are on the boundary between the 11th and 8th districts currently represented by Gerry Connolly and Jim Moran respectively; most of us are in Mr. Connolly’s district, some are in Mr. Moran’s. Congress will address the redistricting issue this spring.

At the state level we are in District 39 represented by Vivian Watts. Due to population density, Northern Virginia districts are geographically small and our community is on the eastern edge very close to districts 38, 43 and 46. The governor appointed a bipartisan committee to make recommendations; there will be public hearings on those recommendations in the spring; and a special legislative session will be held in late spring or summer to approve the redistricting plan.

At the county level we are in Braddock District but border both the Mason and Lee Districts. The county has appointed an Advisory Citizens Committee to make recommendations on redistricting to the Board of Supervisors; public hearings on those recommendations will be held in the spring.

Political primaries will probably be held in mid to late August following completion of all the redistricting efforts. Elections for state and county offices are November 8th.
Annandale HS Overcrowding
Emily Slough

As a follow-up to our November 2010 general meeting, here is an update.

The Annandale Regional Planning Study committee presented their report to the School Board on January 10, 2011. The report, slide presentation and a survey form (which you are strongly encouraged to fill out after you have read the report) is on the committee’s website http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/annandalestudy/index.htm. The committee found that conditions in the Annandale area are sufficiently unique (relative to the majority of FCPS schools) as to require deeper consideration by the School Board as it considers best ways to reduce enrollment at the school(s). The committee felt that AHS has been a successful school in spite of considerable challenges, and that over-hasty boundary adjustments – while reducing enrollment – may make it difficult for the school to maintain its currently robust array of advanced academic classes, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. FCPS welcomes students of very diverse educational needs, demographic and socio-economic backgrounds and this is particularly true in Annandale. The impact to our schools is considerable. Many discussions were had in-committee regarding the best way to maintain success for all students in light of growing challenges. To that end, while it was acknowledged that boundary shifts would address the overcrowding (by shifting certain areas/students to other schools), “non-boundary” solutions were also explored—basically using the available space at the two middle schools and the high school in a different way - as a possible way to reduce enrollment at AHS while eliminating (or significantly reducing) the need for any boundary changes at all.

What does that mean to residents of North Springfield? Everyone, particularly those who have, or will have, children whose base school is Annandale HS, Holmes or Poe MS or North Springfield ES, need to be aware of the committee’s report and follow the process closely. Facilities and Instructional Services staff is now working on the non-boundary proposals to see if they are feasible. The next step will involve Facilities staff creating their own report for the School Board in March.

Neighborhood Watch
Maryann Germaine

Since this fall, your neighbors have volunteered over 50 hours of driving and walking North Springfield’s streets to keep the neighborhood safe. You may have noticed a patrol slowly passing your house in a car marked with white and blue “North Springfield Neighborhood Watch” signs. These folks have been out there during the day, late at night, and throughout the busy holiday season. Please be sure to wave a thank you the next time you notice a neighborhood watch volunteer on your street!

Special thanks to Jeff Schaefer, our co-coordinator for Neighborhood Watch. He has provided us with neighborhood patrol maps and set up an email list to keep residents and volunteers informed of safety and crime related news for North Springfield. You can subscribe to this group by sending an email to NSNW@googlegroups.com.

Participating in Neighborhood Watch is easy. All equipment is provided, and it’s completely up to you to decide when you do your patrol. You’ll be given a quick training when you pick up the equipment. Please check your calendar and select a week you’d like to help out. Email us at NSNW@googlegroups.com or call 703-861-1849. If you are a fitness or pet walker, please get in touch as well—you can be part of Neighborhood Watch while you’re out on your regular walks.

Remember that students looking for community service hours can use their Neighborhood Watch volunteer time, whether they ride along with a parent, or as a licensed driver. We ask all North Springfield households to volunteer for a patrol just once during this year---it just takes a total of 2 hours, per year. Together we can make sure North Springfield remains a safe and vibrant community for all our residents.
BSA Boy Scout Troop 990
Skip Chaples

In February we’ll have our annual ski trip to Timberline in West Virginia. 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. Together with Troop 990 we collected contributions for Scouting for Food. In January we just concluded our Pinewood Derby; results will be available next month.

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

It is time to renew your yearly membership in the Civic Association for 2011. The membership dues are only $15 and the membership form is in the newsletter. The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. We need to have your support to help keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community. The membership form has a list of committees that could use your help. None of the committees require a lot of time.

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 some highlights of what the Civic Association does with the dues for the residents and our 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.
- Arranges for a community clean up day each May when residents can bring oversized trash for free disposal.
- Coordinates with the Hot Lanes project team concerning the height, placement and landscaping of the soundwalls.
- Makes donations to the North Springfield Scouts and Annandale HS all night senior prom party.
- 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.

North Springfield Elementary School

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

Beautification
Ed Stock

The soundwall relocation on Leesville has been delayed until March or April. We have received the money from the Transurban-Fluor Grant to reforest the area after the construction is completed. Given that it will be late spring, the reforesting effort will occur in September so that the new trees/shrubs have the best chance of survival.

Boy Scout Fundraiser
Need your House Number painted on your curb?

Call Boy Scout Troop 990
(703) 644-1311

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.
Ready for some more nostalgia? In the last issue we showed the Monticello; here is the ad for another style of home that ran when the community was being built. Note the directions on how to get here; 395 and Edsall Road did not exist at the time and the mixing bowl interchange was a cloverleaf. Anyone still have those modern appliances listed in the home ad?

**the homes**

These homes in North Springfield, Virginia, were planned by Architect Harry E. Ormonst, AIA, to provide the kind of living that is wanted by contemporary Americans. Elbow room for today's larger families—personal privacy when wanted—easy transition from indoor to outdoor living—ease of maintenance—space for informal entertaining—design variations adapted to the contours of the site—this is the type of thinking behind these homes.

**the community**

North Springfield is an extension of Springfield—an established community with existing facilities. Public and parochial schools are nearby and six churches are in varying degrees of construction. There is a large new shopping center with plenty of parking. Homes have been oriented and sited on landscaped lots for maximum privacy and variety. A community newspaper, PTA, scout troops, clubs, community association and all the things that make life in the suburbs so enjoyable are established and waiting—for you. Springfield is just 15 minutes from downtown along the modern dual lane Shirley Highway; there's not a traffic light after you leave D. C.

**construction details**

The construction in North Springfield is the same blend of careful workmanship and top materials that you can see in nearby Yates Village and Monticello Forest. All brick exteriors with a wide variety of treatments, copper plumbing, Bryant floor level gas heat, sliding door closets, fir lumber, fireplaces, venetian blinds, are among the many quality features.

**directions**

Take Shirley Highway to the Franconia-Springfield Cloverleaf, right to Back Lick Road, right on Back Lick Road one mile to North Springfield on the left. Follow signs.

**rutledge**

Here is a contemporary concept of the three bedroom split level—all of the good split level features have been retained like the daylight lower level with private entrance and the personal privacy offered by the separation of sleeping and living areas. Added have been the design trends demanded by today's families. Windswells frame either end of the 21 x 13½’ living room and transition from indoor to outdoor living is easy through the door to the rear terrace. There’s a distinctly separate dining area, yet for entertaining it becomes part of the living area. The bright kitchen comes equipped with a dishwasher, disposal, refrigerator (all by Westinghouse, RCA wide oven range, fluorescent lighting. The lower level with its lavatory and five double-hung above grade windows may be developed into two more bedrooms, a recreation room, or a garage and workshop. Other RUTLEDGE features: sliding door closets, large living room closet, folding kitchen door.
**Newsletter Advertising**

Take advantage of our low prices and your ad will be seen both in print and on our website by over 2,200 households in February, March, April, May, October or November.

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Mail your business card or camera-ready proof with a check for the appropriate amount by 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:

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NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151  
$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone #: __________ Date: __________ Amount Paid: _________________
Address: _______________________________________________________
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: ____________________________________________

- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

BEAUTIFICATION  
MEMBERSHIP  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PLANNING & ZONING  
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:

Other Committees: ________________________________

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