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

If you are a senior citizen, almost a senior or younger adult concerned about how you may care for an aging parent or relative, then this meeting is for you. Catherine Cole, Director of ElderLink, will speak to us about the services and resources available to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of older citizens in Fairfax County. ElderLink is a partnership program among the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, Inova Health System, and the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter.

Being a good neighbor means:

Obeying the speed limits and stop signs in our community. The posted maximum speed on all of our streets is 25 MPH; it’s not a suggestion, it’s a law based on the population density along our streets. The warmer weather means more children will be running around outside and the chance of someone darting into the road becomes greater. We have a lot of cars parked on the streets in our community and it is often difficult to see someone small entering the roadway.

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Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm or visit Hwww.nscivic.orgH for current community information
President’s Message
Norma Heck

We have an interesting program planned for our April 6th meeting. It’s a great opportunity for you to learn about the county resources available to help you care for an aging parent or relative. Established by the Older Americans Act in 1976, The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging primary goals are to improve the quality of life and promote independent living for older adults. ElderLink provides affordable care management and consultation services to older adults and their families in Northern Virginia.

The dates have been set for the Community Yard Sale, Community Cleanup Day and Community Social so let’s all include those dates in our spring cleaning plans.

- Yard Sale: Gather up all those unused items that are in good condition and make them available to others who could use them on May 14th.

- Community Clean Up Day: At the same time pile up all those trash items that your normal trash service won’t take (no glass or hazardous items please) and plan on bringing them to the school for disposal on the May 21st.

- Also on the 21st, from 11 am to 3 pm will be our second community social at the pool. It will be a great time to meet some of your neighbors, enjoy food and music, and learn about the various community organizations and businesses serving North Springfield. Full details will be in the May newsletter.

Yard Debris
Norma Heck

Downed limbs and branches on your property (which includes the median in front of your house) are your responsibility to clean up and dispose of. No one from the Civic Association, state or county is coming around to do it for you unless the downed tree or limb is posing a safety hazard; i.e. on a power line or blocking the street. Please be considerate; don’t leave your debris on the medium or street and cause problems for your neighbors.

Recycling Opportunities
Tricia Barnes

Do you have personal papers that need to be shredded or electronics that need to be disposed of? Here’s your opportunity.

- April 9: Document Shredding Event, 8 a.m. - Noon at Mt. Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. Residents may shred up to 5 boxes of personal documents per household at no charge. Please remove all paper from binders and remove binder clips, plastic page covers and binding. Information stored on film or computer disks will not be accepted - paper documents only.

- April 10: Electric Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Residents may recycle old televisions, computers and peripheral electronics such as speakers, printers, scanners, etc. Also, residents can recycle unbroken fluorescent tubes and light bulbs.

- April 16: Document Shredding, 8 a.m. - Noon at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 in conjunction with the county's Earth Day/Arbor Day Event.

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 and is always on the website homepage.

Membership
Tricia Barnes

Thank you to all those residents who have sent in their $15 2011 dues and those who also included donations; if you haven’t had a chance to send in your dues yet there is a form in the newsletter. The Civic Association appreciates your involvement and support.

Please check an area you are interested in helping with or suggest a program topic. None of the offices or committees takes a lot of time.
New NSES Principal
Ivan Carrasco

Mrs. Alexander is retiring and a new principal for the North Springfield Elementary School (NSES) will be appointed soon. If you would like to thank Mrs. Alexander for her years of service to our community, you are invited to a farewell reception for her on Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the NSES Cafeteria. The reception is sponsored by NSES PTA; if you have questions please contact Beth Buckreis at (703) 913-7115.

Fairfax County Budget

The 2012 budget process is nearing an end 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.

- 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

The Fairfax County website has the proposed budget and all the details on how you can make your views known to our elected officials.

Political Redistricting

NSCA Officers participated in the Fairfax County redistricting process and made it clear that we would like North Springfield to stay in the Braddock District. The redistricting options are before the Board of Supervisors and their final decision will be made in April.

Neighborhood Watch
Maryann Germaine

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.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990
Skip Chaples

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 continues with a very active program. 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 and local government. You can subscribe to our e-mail list on line 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.

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 opportunities for your talents:

The school needs volunteers 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? 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. Please contact Judi Giannini at judi.e.giannini@cox.net, Natalie Smith at nataliecsmith14@gmail.com or Toni Nietzsche at tnitschke@verizon.net for more information.

**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.

**AHS Fundraising**

The AHS PTSA is currently raising funds for the All Night Graduation Celebration; a supervised, safe, non-alcoholic alternative for graduating seniors. The order forms for Plants (deadline is April 3rd) and Mulch (deadline is April 11th) are on our website homepage – www.nscivic.org.

**Beautification**

Ed Stock

The construction of the sound wall at Braddock and Ravensworth is almost complete. The moving of power poles near the Ravensworth entrance to our community has done some major damage to the grass and drainage ditches. VDOT has been notified and should be responding once the rainy weather subsides. In addition to the construction problems the heavy, wet snow caused significant shrub and tree damage also to the Ravensworth entrance. Calls have been made to the VDOT Customer Service Center 1-800-367-7623 to report these problems and work order request numbers assigned for follow through.

Some of your neighbors volunteered to clear the downed trees at Ravensworth; thanks to Bill Seeto, Earl Mitchell and Fred Felber.

The traffic at the Ravensworth intersection has increased along with accidents. On Feb. 27 a vehicle left the road and took down a portion of the signal control unit and wound up in the ditch. We all need to be aware of those motorists who turn right at Ravensworth, go to the Jervis intersection and make a U turn. This is usually to avoid waiting in the left turn lane on Braddock to go north on Ravensworth. This procedure is sometimes used by trucks, especially dump trucks that are involved in the construction of the HOT lanes. In addition to the volume at that intersection there is also the danger of some motorists on Braddock who “run” the red light. Be sure the intersection appears safe before proceeding onto Braddock.

Pike Elec. Co. will be in the neighborhood replacing and repairing some power poles. The pink ribbons indicate the ones which are candidates. The other markings on the road are from Miss Utility for gas, sewer and water lines; no work is planned, they are there so that Pike knows what is under the ground.

Many of you are new to the North Springfield area and you’ll be glad to know we have a fine reputation for having a clean, well-kept community. Raking, mowing, pruning, sweeping, keeping our homes and property the way we want others to keep theirs are the norm in our community. For old and young alike, it can be family fun and time that is well spent. So, paint up, clean up, fix up and get your neighbors out there with you, you’ll both enjoy the results. If there are elderly folks in your neighborhood who can’t do that kind of work, please lend them a hand; it will make you feel good about yourself. Your assistance helps keep our community looking well maintained and a great place to live. Don’t forget to plant some flowers. They’ll give your spirits a lift. Enjoy the season!
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NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA  22151
$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: ________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________
Phone #: ___________________ Date: __________ Amount Paid: ____________________
E-Mail: _____________________________________________ Are you a new resident? Yes
Suggestions for program topics: ________________________________

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 -

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Other Committees: __________________________
Topics for upcoming programs:
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Phone #: _____________________ Age: ____ Availability Dates: ___________________________

Check jobs of interest: Babysitting ____ Yard Work ____ Mowing ____
                      House Sitting ____ Pet Care ____

Or you can sign up on line at www.nscivic.org ; click on “Community Services” “Teen Job Sign Up”