North Springfield Civic Association, Inc.

CALENDAR

February 2012
1 NSCA General Meeting
20 Presidents Day

March 2012
7 NSCA General Meeting
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins

April 2012
8 Easter
11 NSCA General Meeting

May 2012
2 NSCA General Meeting
12 Community Yard Sale
19 Community Cleanup Day

WHAT’S INSIDE

President’s Message, Neighborhood Watch
Community Events, School Events
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General Meeting – February 1st
7:30 pm at the School

Braddock District Supervisor John Cook will speak to us about the challenges the County expects to encounter over the next few years. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn about these challenges and provides you the opportunity to express your concerns and recommendations.

Being a good neighbor means:

Obeying the laws regarding signs in your yard. North Springfield is zoned a residential community which means it is illegal to display a business sign on your property. If you are having work done by a licensed contractor that contractor is permitted to display their sign during the period when the work is being done.

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 joyous and safe holiday season and we wish all our residents the best for 2012.

Each year the Board of Supervisors meets with the appropriate experts to discuss the trends they see occurring over the next few years; trends in population growth and demographics, housing, employment, infrastructure needs, etc. Braddock District Supervisor John Cook will be our guest speaker to inform us about these trends and resulting challenges. He will also discuss the 2013 county budget, to be approved by April 26th, as well as the searches to replace the County Executive and Superintendent of Schools.

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. 5506 Atlee Place
2. 5408 Backlick Woods Court
3. 5209 Light Street

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

Best Grouping of decorated homes
• Anola & Webbwood Courts
• Glenallen Street at Ferndale
• Hansford Court

Best Decorated Outside Trees
• 7603 Boulder Street
• 7230 Chatham Street
• 5517 Glenallen Street
• 7406 Jervis Street
• 7411 Jervis Street

Unique Presentations
• 5313 Garner Street – Van
• 7624 Long Pine Drive – Playhouse

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.

North Springfield Elementary School

The Family and Early Childhood Education Program FECEP/Head Start is a free child development program for children ages three to five, including children with disabilities or special needs, from income-eligible families. The program is now accepting applications for the next school year.

For more information about the application process, please call: 703-204-6700 (English)

Para mas información sobre el proceso de aplicación, por favor llamar: 703-204-6701 (Spanish)

The PTA is hosting Family BINGO Night on March 9, 2012. The doors open at 6 pm; games begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!
This year all the proceeds from BINGO are going toward the creation of an outdoor classroom and learning center in the courtyard of the school. It will include a variety of environments to enrich science, math and humanities curriculums.

If you would like to make a contribution or donation, please call Jennifer Deutschendorf, (443) 513-0645, nsesbingo@yahoo.com.

**Wolf Trap Employment & Volunteering**

Join us “Where the Stars Come Out to Play”.

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts: announcing National Park Service and Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts employment and volunteer opportunities for people of all ages for the 2012 summer performance season. Wolf Trap National Park will host an employment/volunteer fair in the Filene Center March 11, 1:00pm to 5:00pm. For directions to the Filene Center and additional employment information, please check our web site www.nps.gov/wotr or call 703-255-1823. For volunteer opportunities, visit www.nps.gov/wotr/parkmgmt/jobs.htm or call 703-255-1823 for an application or additional information.

**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.

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 your son is interested in Scouting or you have any questions please contact Evan Farris at (703) 256-2775.

**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 membership in the Civic Association for 2012. The membership dues are only $15 and the membership form is in the newsletter. The membership form has a place for you to list possible topics for upcoming meetings and a list of committees that you may want to work with. None of these committees require much of your time. We need to have your support to help keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community.

The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. 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.

Do you know who cut the grass; buys, plants and mulches the flowers; prune the trees and bushes at the entrances ways and the Heming Ave/Leesville hill? Your civic association does.
Do you know who keeps on top of what is happening with the construction work affecting our neighborhood – making sure the contractors clean up debris rather than just leave it? Do you know who is writing grants to the county to get extra funding from to replant along the Leesville sound wall? Your civic association has.

**Association Officers**

President  
Norma Heck  (703) 256-1332

Vice President  
Scott Pratt  (703) 256-2011

Secretary  
Celeste Leyhe  (703) 941-8088

Treasurer  
Skip Chaples  (703) 644-1311

Beautification  
Ed Stock  (703) 256-8174

**Federation of Citizens Associations**

Carey Campbell  (703) 351-1235

**Legal/Registered Agent**

Dorene Haney  (703) 256-1688

**Membership**

Patricia Barnes  (703) 354-0134

**Neighborhood Watch**

Maryann Germaine  (703) 861-1849

**Newsletter**

Sherry Chaples  (703) 644-1311

**Parks**

Chet McLaren  (703) 866-6494

**Planning and Zoning**

Mike Dannholtz  (703) 941-9250

**Braddock District Council**

Carey Campbell  (703) 351-1235

**Political Liaison**

Norma Heck  (703) 256-1332

Jean Smith  (703) 256-5895

**PTA Liaison**

Ivan Carrasco  (703) 462-9474

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**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?
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.

| 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 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:

| Business Card | $5 (3.5” x 2”) |
| Quarter Page  | $10 (3.75” x 5”) |
| Half Page     | $20              |
| Full Page     | $40              |

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Calendar Year January – December 2012
NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151
$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: _____________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________
Phone #: ______________ Date: __________ Amount Paid: _________________________
E-Mail: ____________________________ New Resident? Y  N

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 are interested in serving on a committee, or have suggestions topics for 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  SUGGESTIONS FOR:
FEDERATION OF CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS Other Committees: ______________________
MEMBERSHIP ______________________
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ______________________
PLANNING & ZONING ______________________
COMMUNITY SOCIALS ______________________
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS ______________________