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General Meeting – April 11th
7:30 pm at the School

If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. Ever wonder what police dogs and their handlers do in the community? You’ve seen these pairs help solve mysteries or catch criminals on TV shows, now come learn about their role here in Fairfax County! Officers from the Special Ops Division Canine Unit will bring their work dog(s) and answer your questions about the K9 Unit.

Being a good neighbor means:

Being involved with your community; staying current on the things that are happening and participate when you can. We have a community yard sale, cleanup day and social coming up in May; all need volunteers. There’s also the opportunity to help with neighborhood watch and reforesting along the sound wall on Leesville. From now through early fall we’ll be mowing and maintaining all the community entrances and common areas; we can always use more help with that. All of these things are great opportunities to involve the whole family in a worthwhile project that gives back to your community.

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President’s Message
Norma Heck

For those who came to our March 7th meeting we’re sorry for mix-up; the police officers were dispatched to the wrong place. We’ve rescheduled them for April. It’s a great opportunity for you to learn about some of the special units in our Fairfax County Police Department and the work they do to keep our communities safe.

The dates have been set for the Community Yard Sale, Cleanup Day and 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 12th**. It’s win-win; others get a product they need at a bargain price and you get extra cash for that Memorial Day barbeque. If yard sales are not your thing then give them to a neighbor who is participating or drop them off at a place like Goodwill.

- **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 19th**. Help will be available for those who can’t or don’t have the means to transport items to the school.

- **Community Social:** This year we’ll have it at the pool on **May 26th**. In addition to games for the kids, raffles for the adults and free food for all, the pool will be open for swimming.

On April 16th from 1:00 – 3:45 we’re teaming up with school and PTA volunteers to tidy up the flower beds and shrubs around the school entrances. We’ll be trimming the shrubs, raking up the debris and mulching. If you would like to help, put on your gardening gloves, grab a tool or two and come on up to the school that afternoon.

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 2012 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.

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 in the
NSES cafeteria. If you have any questions please contact Cubmaster 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 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.

**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](http://www.nscivic.org).

**Beautification**
Ed Stock

During the past month my dealing with our friends at VDOT has shown some major improvements. Their response on routine calls to request road repairs in our community has been commendable. I recently placed three separate calls and had quick responses with repairs completed by the third day. I used the 800-367-7623 number, which connects to their Richmond site. Each time the operator taking the calls asked for details like a house number or street intersections and when the information was completed she responded with a work order number you can use for follow up if needed. These were not pothole repairs but included paving a section of a crumbled street, replacing a section of the shoulder at the Ravensworth entrance and repairing the shoulder at Heming and Braddock. On one occasion I spoke with the onsite repair supervisor and thanked him for their prompt response and fine work. Now, if we can just get the Express lanes completed.

Civic Association volunteers will be preparing the area adjacent to the Leesville sound wall by clearing left over construction debris so that we can plant new shrubs this spring. We will also be getting some planting design assistance from Ellen Vogel the VDOT Northern Region Landscape Architect.

It’s time to get those lawn mowers and weed-whackers ready for another beautiful spring in North Springfield. Enjoy the season.

**AHS Boosters 5 K Run/Walk**

This 6th annual event will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Annandale High School, 4500 Medford Drive. The certified course winds though the community and concludes at the school's track.

Registration before race day is $15 for students and faculty; $18 for general public; and $22 May 5 though race day. Free T-shirts and awards in 14 categories; to register or more information visit [www.annandaleatoms.com](http://www.annandaleatoms.com).

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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.

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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”