CALENDAR

April 2013
3 NSCA General Meeting
27 Community Yard Sale

May 2013
1 NSCA General Meeting
4 Community Cleanup Day

Automobile Registration:

New residents from outside Fairfax County are reminded that they are required to notify the DMV and county within 30 days of moving into the neighborhood; the only exception is military personnel. There is an increasing number of vehicles parked long term in our neighborhood that are not properly registered with the state or county. This is not only illegal, it also poses a safety risk in that we have residents who are not known locally therefore it could be difficult to find them or their relatives in the event of an emergency.

General Meeting – April 3rd
7:30 pm at the School

Our April speaker is the Crime Prevention Officer from the Franconia District Police Station. We’ll get an update on what’s happening in the area as well as some tips on how to protect ourselves and our homes.

Being a good neighbor means:

Obeying the traffic signs and speed limits in our community. Too many times we see cars speeding, illegally passing and going through stop signs. We all feel busy and often feel pressed for time; trying to save time when you’re behind the wheel is not the smart answer. The warmer weather is arriving and more people, particularly children, will be outside. Respect their safety and drive lawfully in our community.

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

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

The Crime Prevention Officer from the Franconia District Police Station will speak to us this month. With the warmer weather more people will be out and about in the months ahead. Doors and windows will be open, cars unlocked and folks on vacation. Now is a good time to get a refresher on how to enjoy the nice weather and still stay safe. Everyone attending the meeting will be entered in a raffle to win a new plant for your yard.

The dates have been set for the Community Yard Sale and Cleanup Day 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 **April 27th**. It’s win-win; others get a product they need at a bargain price and you get extra cash for that Memorial Day barbecue. 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 4th**. Help will be available for those who can’t or don’t have the means to transport items to the school.

Start planning ahead for our Community Clean Up Day on Sat May 4 from 8-12. We need helpers that morning to assist in unloading, traffic control, collecting membership dues, and overseeing the trash to treasure area as well as people with pickup trucks to assist neighbors needing help to get larger items to the school.

Please email Tricia Barnes tbarnesva@cox.net or Ron Kinzer thunder287@aol.com to let us know what you would like to help with. It is OK if you are not available the whole time of 8-12, we can also use help for part of the time.

Leesville Soundwall Reforesting

The Hot Lanes contractor is scheduled to be done the end of March; we’re planning to do our part of the planting in April. The reforestation will be a combination of flower beds, shrubs and trees; the plan is on our website homepage. The Civic Association is using the grants we received to plant the flower beds and shrubs this spring; VDOT is using their funds to plant the trees this fall. One of the grant requirements is that the community provides volunteer labor for the project. If you’re interested in helping please let us know; we’ll notify you as soon as we have dates for the planting.

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](http://www.NSCIVIC.org). The list will be published in the May newsletter and is always on the website homepage.

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 form for Plants (deadline is April 16th) is on our website homepage – [www.nscivic.org](http://www.nscivic.org).

Parenting Class

Ravensworth Baptist Church is hosting a ScreamFree Parenting seminar April 21st from 4-6 pm at the church, corner of Braddock & Ravensworth Road; the seminar is free. Registration is by April 10th; the registration form is on our website homepage or call (703) 941-4113.

North Springfield Cleanup Day
Ron Kinzer

Fairfax County will provide refuse trucks in the North Springfield Elementary School main parking lot between 8:00 am and 11:30; please do not drop off any item before the trucks arrive. The trucks leave promptly at noon so please be there no later than 11:30 am. This is a
great opportunity to get rid of old appliances, sheds, tires, lawn mowers, lumber and other kinds of junk. The County will not accept explosive materials, business construction materials, paint, or any dangerous items. The County usually does not accept yard waste, dirt, glass or wood used in fire places and reserves the right to reject any item. Contractors with unusually large loads must unload their own vehicles and are subject to County approval.

Check www.rbrc.org for the locations of local stores that will recycle your used rechargeable batteries. Some of the stores near us are Home Depot, Sears, Radio Shack, and Office Depot. You can take old/unwanted cell phones to the nearest police station. The phones are given to potential abuse victims for emergency use.

To learn about Hazardous Waste disposal you can listen to a recording at (703) 324-5068 or check the website www.fairfaxcounty.gov and click on environment on the right hand side of the screen.

**Beautification**

Ed Stock

Daylight savings time is a sure sign that spring is on the way. The recent warm weather of even a few days gives us hope that winter is slowly but grudgingly giving up. It’s time to take a look around the yard and look for daffodils and tulips to be popping up. It’s also time to check out the house and garden to see what projects need to be put on the “to do” list. Cleaning out the leaves from around the flower beds and shrubs you will probably discover there are already nature’s first rumbling of spring. I noticed that the tulips on Leesville Blvd. have begun to appear thanks to Cal Salch for once again planting and fertilizing them for us to enjoy.

For those of you who 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. Mowing, raking, pruning the yard and keeping our homes the way we hope others will keep theirs. It’s a good time for some family fun to work together around the home and it is time well spent. Spring is a great time to paint up, cleanup and fix up. Get your neighbors out there with you. You’ll both enjoy the results.

We met with county officials regarding two problems areas. One the south side of the intersection of Heming Avenue and Braddock Road there is a drainage problem. Whenever it rains the area floods and ground cover erodes. On the hill at the intersection of Heming Avenue and Leesville Boulevard new electrical equipment was installed as part of the Hot Lanes construction. Every time it requires maintenance vehicles are driving up the hill creating ruts and killing the grass. We’re working with the county to find a permanent solution to both problems.

**North Springfield Elementary School**

Celeste Leyhe

The 5th Grade Chorus of North Springfield Elementary School proudly presents: The Jungle Book: Kids
North Springfield ES Gymnasium
Thursday, May 9th at 7:00PM
Donations Accepted

**Membership**

Tricia Barnes

Thank you to all the residents who have sent in their annual dues. A special thanks to those who also included an extra donation along with the dues. We will be using the extra money for beautification work primarily along the Leesville sound wall.

**BSA Boy Scout Troop 990**

Skip Chaples

In April we’ll be competing with all the other Troops in our District at the Spring Camporee. 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

February 28th the last group of Webeloes scouts transitioned to Boy Scouts; Cub Scout Pack 890 has suspended operations. The Pack is officially registered through December 31, 2013. Scouting is an important community asset; if you would like to help recruit boys (ages 6-10) and adult leaders and revitalize the Pack contact Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311.

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.

AHS Boosters CincoK (5K) Run/Walk

This annual event will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. The certified course winds through the community and concludes at the school's track.

Registration for the general public is $20 by April 15; $25 thereafter. Free T-shirts to the first 250 participants who register by April 15; there are awards in nine categories.

Please visit www.annandaleatoms.com, and click on "Boosters" to register or for more information.

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Calendar Year January – December 2013
NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA  22151
$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

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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 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 Topics for upcoming programs:
COMMUNITY SOCIALS _____________________________________
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS __________________________

NORTH SPRINGFIELD SPRING/SUMMER TEEN JOB LIST
Fill out this application and mail to:  NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA  22151

Name: ___________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________

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”
Ready For Some More Nostalgia?

We continue our four part series about the development of Springfield; written by Robyn Carter, Crestwood’s Springfield Historian.

Part III

Concurrent with that immediate post war period two other visionary men in the construction field formed what would become one of the largest key players in the development of Northern Virginia (also significant pioneers in the development of Springfield), The Crestwood Construction Corp.

Crestwood’s initial principles from 1946 to 1951 were Bernard Steinberg and E. Carl Hengen, they met and worked together as Seabees during the war; they were joined by Mr. Roger Hildeen, from 1951 to 1982.

Messrs Hengen and Steinburg got onto the post war housing market by forming the corporation (along with Hengan’s wife Verna) and began working in conjunction with Arlington Realty Co. to build brick homes in and around Arlington, Alexandria and Falls Church. The building of modest, affordable and solid quality homes would become their stock in trade, and the corporation was enhanced by Hengen’s ability to hire some of the most talented people in the building trades. He was also a master brick layer whose previous work gained him a strong reputation in the local home building business community.

The corporation’s ability to construct quality homes significantly faster than any pre-war building speeds greatly benefitted from the advances in pre-fabricated building technology mentioned earlier. Hengen and Steinberg brought home many of the engineering advancements they had witnessed and utilized while building military bases. This new technology was vital to what lay ahead for them.

As of this writing the first known group of homes built by the company was a neighborhood near The Masonic Temple, along King St. called Ivy Hills (1948). Afterwards, in 1949, they began building a small group of homes in the Culmore area in the corner between Leesburg Pike and Glen Carlyn Rd.

It was there that they began building “The Mid-Century Rambler” (in Carlyn Park aka “The Virginian”… not to be confused with the later Springfield home that used the same name). It was a home design that was later (in modified form) to become the largest seller in early Springfield, by then called “The Chesterfield”.

During 1950-51, Crestwood built Sycamore Gardens in the area surrounding what is now The Bishop O’Connell High School in North Arlington and began both Carlyn Park (at the intersection of Arlington and Manchester Boulevards) and Park Haven (located behind The Culmore Shopping Center on Leesburg Pike near Bailey’s Crossroads).

1951 was a significant year for Crestwood Construction. In April, Crestwood purchased 593 acres of Springfield land from Edward R. Carr Inc. and in accordance with his master plan, broke ground during December of that year for the first of thirteen model homes, which are located in the block surrounded by Backlick Rd., Amherst Ave, and Essex Ave. Outside of the (historically unfortunate) loss of a unique one-of-a-kind home known as The Rockbridge, the original model homes still stand much as they did when literally thousands of area residents swarmed in to see and purchase homes.

The other significant event came on March 15th, 1951 when Mr. Hengen was successful in bringing on board one of the most charismatic and energetic members of the corporate team, Mr. Roger Hildeen. As previously mentioned, the two gentlemen were friends who had met during their service with The Seabees during WW2. Mr. Hildeen, a native of Minnesota, was a 30-year-old engineer who had, during the previous five years, lived in Chicago and worked for The Quaker Oats Company. With the promise of a raise in income and the challenge of being in on one of the largest home building projects in the DC area, Mr. Hengen once again proved that he was adept at bringing in top talent and making the most of their skills.
Mr. Hildeen served in many capacities as a 31 year partner in the corporation. Among them, in 1952 he was made president of Southern Properties, Inc.; the Crestwood affiliate charged with doing all the warranties work on the homes that were growing like proverbial grass across the Springfield property. Due to the tremendous number of homes being built, and the anxious homebuyers not always understanding that even the best built house will have warranty work needed, Mr. Hildeen’s job (and those of his initial twelve man staff) was indeed a challenge of logistics, time management and good old fashioned diplomacy.

As he matured within the company, Mr. Hildeen also took over home sales (once Crestwood no longer used Arlington Realty or Edward R. Carr, Inc., as its sales agents). Eventually Mr. Hildeen’s sales successes resulted in the creation of Crestwood Realty which, for a time handled exclusively all of the corporation’s sales business. So great was the Crestwood’s Springfield development that the company joined in what amounted to an enormously successful cross marketing campaign and worked with both the department store chain Woodward & Lothrop and local furniture retailer Barnes & Kimel Co. to cross advertise the homes along with the furnishings provided for the model homes and vice versa.

Added to this growing interest, a nationally published magazine known as Living For Young Homemakers sent a representative out during the summer of 1952 to do a six-page photo story on the growing community as well as the suburban growth the DC area in general. Featured in the August ‘52 issue were views of the interior of one of the model homes as well as scenes showing the construction in the back yards of one of the first sections, which encompasses the area bounded by Backlick Rd to the east, Amherst Ave to the west, Essex Ave to the south and Highland Ave to the north.

Even The Washington Post joined in the support of the development by naming Crestwood’s “Chesterfield” as one of its “Homes of 52” prestigious exhibit houses in September. Starting in 1947, The Post used to run a “Homes of…” event each Fall wherein a selection of new home offerings in the area were chosen by various industry experts and featured with photos, architect renderings and advertising tie-ins with most of the major furniture and department store retailers. Those retailers completely furnished the model houses. These were huge events in those growing years of the DC Metro area, and Crestwood homes were selected nearly every year of those events from 1952 on into the late 1960’s.

(Part IV next month)