President’s Message
Norma Heck

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. The topic for the October 3rd General Meeting is the status of new development projects in Springfield.

Your civic association has been working hard to ensure that the sound walls are built as soon as possible, fulfill their purpose and that the aesthetics of the neighborhood are restored.

The Hotlanes project is nearing an end; completion is scheduled for December 2012.

We had planned to reforest the Leesville sound wall last spring but we were again thwarted by a construction schedule change. The current plan is to reforest it in March and April 2013.

School is open and the children are out in full force. Obey the speed limits in our community and watch out for pedestrians.

November 7th is Election Day; if you’re 18 or older it is your privilege and obligation to vote.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed November 3rd and collection will take place in November. The need is greater than ever and we hope everyone will support our scouts’ efforts this year.

Membership
Tricia Barnes

Welcome all new residents to the North Springfield Community. If someone new has moved in on your block, please be a friendly neighbor and welcome them to our community.

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Be sure to check out our advertisers; they’re all local folks doing business in our community.

Time to sign up for the Winter Teen job; you can do it online or mail the application in this newsletter.

Join our North Springfield FaceBook group; details are on the website homepage www.nscivic.org.

General Meeting – October 2
7:30 pm at the School

Our Speakers will be State Senator Richard Saslaw and a representative from Fairfax County. They will be informing us about how the funds from the sales tax increase will be allocated as well as other issues that affect us.

Being a good neighbor means:

Obeying the traffic laws in our community. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH on all our streets. We continue to receive numerous complaints about speeding; not only on the main roads like Heming, Ferndale, Leesville and Ravensworth but also on some of the side streets that connect them. It is dangerous and it makes it difficult for residents on those streets to back out of their driveways or cross the street.

The problem is not unique to North Springfield. The Board of Supervisors has approved funds for a public awareness and traffic calming campaign aimed at reducing neighborhood speeding and unsafe driving in the County. We are working with the police and county to ensure our residents are safe.

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

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

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. The topic for the October 2nd General Meeting is planned use for the funds raised by the sales tax increase as well as other legislative issues which affect our community.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the soundwall planting September 7th as well as those who’ve been watering the plants. The area looks great and will only get better as the plants mature. VDOT has its contract to do plantings along the entire Hotlanes project. As part of this effort they will be adding additional trees to the Leesville sound wall to fill in the spaces between the beds that we planted. Some of this work is scheduled to be done this fall and some next year.

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November 5th is Election Day; if you’re 18 or older it is your privilege and obligation to vote.

The Boy Scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed November 2nd and collection will be between 9 and 11 am on November 9th. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this important event. The need is greater than ever and we hope everyone will support our scouts’ efforts this year.

Membership
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Welcome all new residents to the North Springfield Community. If someone new has moved in on your block, please be a friendly neighbor and welcome them to our community.

The civic association is set up to help better the community by keeping North Springfield a well-kept, safe area; keeping residents informed through the newsletters, website and FaceBook page, and by being a liaison between residents and county government.

Association membership dues are $15 per household and the membership year goes from January to December. If you are not already a member for 2013, there is a membership form in the newsletter.

Cleanup Day Last May

Thank you to all those residents who made our spring Clean Up Day a success; the people who brought their items to dispose of; the team that collected things from neighbors that needed help; and those who helped unload the cars, collect membership dues and direct traffic.

Accotink Watershed

Many of our residents don’t realize that the storm drains along roads are not part of the sewer system; they are connected directly to Lake Accotink. Everything that enters these drains ends up in our waterways. Please take care not to let trash and yard debris accumulate along the curb in front of your home; rain will wash it into our streams.

Furniture Donations Needed

There are families in our community who do not have enough furniture. If you would like to help you can donate your gently used furniture to ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action). Their volunteers will pick up your donation and take it to a family referred by county social workers. Items needed include mattresses and box springs (no king size please), kitchen and dining tables and chairs, sofas (no sleepers), living room chairs, coffee tables, end tables, and lamps. For information and to schedule a pickup call (703) 256-9513.

Stopping Unwanted Free Newspapers

If you do not want to receive the Examiner Newspaper here is what to do. Go to the website www.washingtonexaminer.com, go to bottom of the page under Business heading, click Circulation Request and fill in your information to stop the paper. You can also call 703 846-8500 to stop the paper.
Can an Emergency Vehicle Find You?

As we walk around our community, we notice that some homes have no house numbers or the numbers are not readable from the sidewalk. Take a look at your home from the street. Can you easily read the numbers? Home Depot or any other hardware store sells reasonable priced and easy to put up house numbers. The Boy Scouts will paint our house numbers on the curb for $5. It might be the best money you ever spent.

Lake Accotink Park Happenings

Summer has ended but the fun continues at Lake Accotink. Boat rentals and amusements are open weekends and holidays through October 20th. For hours or information, call the park or visit their website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Want to learn something new or get back into a routine? The fall 2013 Parktakes magazine can be picked up at the park or your local RECenter or library; it lists all the classes and dates.

Upcoming events at Lake Accotink include:

- Saturday, October 19, 2013 - Fall Watershed Clean-Up (9 to 11:30 am)
- Saturday, October 26, 2013 – Howlalween Dog Costume Contest (2 to 4 pm); Goblin Golf (5-8 pm)
- Saturday, December 14, 2013 – Horse-drawn Hayrides with Santa (12 – 3:30)

Braddock District Council (BDC)

There is strength in numbers when addressing county issues that affect our neighborhood. The civic association has active representation on the BDC. The BDC represents the interests of the residential communities of the Braddock District; they advise Supervisor Cook in a variety of areas. In addition, the BDC hosts events to provide relevant information for senior residents, voters, those interested in neighborhood safety, and those interested in community/civic engagement. Meetings are from September - July on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Braddock District Supervisor’s office (located in the back of the Kings Park Library). All North Springfield residents are invited to attend. Please contact Ken Balbuena at kenbalbuena@gmail.com for more information about the Braddock District Council.

For those approaching age of 65 there will be a talk by Mr. Howard Houghton - what should you know about Medicare and Medicaid - on Wednesday October 30th at 7 pm at Supervisor Cook's office. There will also be a question and answer time after his talk.

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What are Your Elected Officials Doing

Sign up to receive your elected official’s newsletters so you know what they are doing for you. There website links are on our website; click Community Links and then Government.

Halloween Safety Tips

In just a few weeks, children will be decorating the streets with ghoulish costumes in search of rewards to satisfy their sweet tooth cravings. Halloween is close at hand and the CDC has some important safety tips to make the evening more enjoyable. Visit their website http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/ to learn about SAFE HALLOWEEN.

Neighborhood Watch

Maryann Germaine

Improve Neighborhood Safety in 2 Hours

During the past months, several neighbors have been victims of thefts. Tools, construction and lawn equipment have been stolen from locked sheds or vans; other items have been stolen from unlocked cars or unsecured homes. Recently there has been an increase in bike thefts; lock your bikes or bring them inside!

How can we protect ourselves?

First and foremost, be sure your property does not invite criminals. Lock doors and windows of your home and automobiles every day; trim overgrown shrubs near your home. Call the police at our Franconia District office (703) 691-2131 to schedule a free security check of your property. Be wary of solicitors and door-to-door contractors; they are required to wear a visible Fairfax County permit.

How do we keep our nearest neighbors safe?

Have trusted neighbors watch your property when you are away; offer to hold their mail or water their plants in return. Be a “Window Watcher,” a neighborhood watch member who may not drive on patrol but calls FCPD when they notice unusual vehicles or visitors that stand apart from the normal rhythms on their street. If in doubt, don’t hesitate to call (703) 691-2131 and ask an officer to check it out.

How can we improve safety for all?

Join the Neighborhood Watch! All that is required is two hours ONCE per year—training and equipment are provided. You may fit Neighborhood Watch volunteering into your schedule whenever it is most convenient. Active neighborhood watches improve a community’s sense of control over crime and serve as a visible deterrent to crimes of opportunity. North Springfield’s program has been active since 1975; we are one of the oldest watch programs in Fairfax County.

Thank you for your interest! Please call or email Maryann Germaine or Jeff Schaefer with questions or to schedule your preferred week of Neighborhood Watch patrol.

mgermaine1@gmail.com, 703-861-1849
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Twitter – NSPwatch

NORTH SPRINGFIELD WINTER 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 ____  House Sitting ____  Pet Care ____
Winter Snow Removal _______ (clearing walkways and/or driveways only)
Take advantage of our low prices and your ad will be seen both in print and on our website by over 2,300 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:

Calendar Year January – December 2013
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 -

BEAUTIFICATION
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SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:
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Topics for upcoming programs:
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