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

Our Speaker is Ms. Donna Pesto from the Fairfax County Planning Office. She will be speaking to us about the proposed zoning change for Residential Studio Units (RSUs).

Being a good neighbor means:

Obeying street parking regulations. Parked vehicles must face the direction of travel; passenger side against curb. Vehicles are not permitted to park within 10 feet of someone else’s driveway, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, within 20 feet of an intersection, within 30 feet of a stop sign or within 60 feet before or 10 feet after a bus stop. You can find a complete list of the regulations here - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parking_restrictions.htm

Please vote on November 5th. There are a number of important issues ranging from health care and taxes to education and transportation under consideration. Those we elect will make the decisions that affect each of us and our children so make sure your voice is heard.

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

This month we will hear from Donna Pesto about the proposed zoning change for Residential Studio Units (RSUs). While the planning is in the initial stages this is a very important issue for our community. The initiative is in response to the need to provide more affordable housing units in Fairfax County. RSUs are 600-800 square foot efficiency apartments; zoning changes are needed to specify where these units may be built. One of the changes under consideration is to allow them to be built on lots in residential neighborhoods; for example a house in North Springfield could be replaced by a small apartment building with 4-6 units. It is important that we all understand the need and voice our opinion on where these units may be built.

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. All donated food is delivered to ACCA in Annandale. If you don’t receive a collection bag, no problem; you can put your donation in any plastic bag for collection on the 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.

Judging Holiday Decorations

The civic association officers will be judging your Holiday decorations again this year. We’ll be around between 7 & 10 pm on Thursday December 19th so please have your lights on that evening. What we look for are creative displays that reflect the true meaning of the holiday season; presentation is more important to us than the number of lights and figures you can place in your yard.

To ensure fairness, homes will be eligible for award once in a three year period. Prior year awardees who continue to enhance our community with their displays will also be recognized annually for their continued excellence.

Awardees will be listed on our website so residents can see our choices before the season is over and the displays are taken down.

November 5th is Election Day; if you’re 18 or older it is your privilege and obligation to vote. Our state is facing spending decisions on a number of difficult issues; it is important that each of us vote for those we believe will act in our best interest during these difficult times. Here’s the list of candidates.

Governor & Lt Governor

Republican Party
Ken Cuccinelli, E. W. Jackson

Democratic Party
Terry McAuliffe, Ralph Northam

Libertarian Party
Robert Sarvis, Gail Parker

Attorney General

Mark Obenshain (R)
Mark Herring (D)

House of Delegates, 39th District

Vivian Watts (D)

Sheriff

Stacey Ann Kincaid
Bryan A. "B. A." Wolfe
Christopher F. DeCarlo
Robert A. Rivera

School Bond

Shall the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue additional bonds for school improvements?

North Springfield Elementary School

The school is in need of volunteers and mentors for the students. If you have some free time during the day and would like to help please contact the school at (703) 658-5500.

The school is also in need of a crossing guard to direct traffic during school opening and closing. It’s a paid position; you can get information and apply here - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs/school-crossing-guard.htm.
The reforestation along the Leesville soundwall is complete. The Civic Association planted four shrub beds along the wall and VDOT filled in the remaining area with trees. VDOT also planted trees on the lot at the corner of Heming and Leesville. One of the shrub beds is not doing well and we are working with the landscape company to determine why. All the plants are guaranteed for one year; any that die will be replaced either in the spring or early fall next year.

There are many walkers who regularly help out with picking up trash and reporting pot holes as well as those calling in for repair of street signs or requesting the police to help with catching the speeders in our community. Thanks to all of you.

As the falling leaves drift by your windows, it is time to get out the rake and clean up instead of waiting for them to blow into your neighbor’s yard. I’ve tried the latter and it doesn’t always work. Remember to clean up the leaves on the curb in front of your house. Don’t let them wash into the storm drains; it will clog the drains and cause flooding when it rains. Let’s all pitch in and keep North Springfield a friendly and clean neighborhood.

Teen Job List

The Fall and Winter Teen job list is available on our website.

Membership

Tricia Barnes

This newsletter is the last one this year; the next one will be in February 2014. The membership form in this newsletter is for the new 2014 membership year so please send in your $15 dues.

Do you have time to help the Civic Association welcome new residents? We have a welcome letter for new residents plus a copy of our latest newsletter. It is also a chance for the new residents to ask any questions they may have about the neighborhood. If you’d like to help with this service in the vicinity of your home please contact me at (703) 354-0134 or tbarnesva@cox.net.

Residential Studio Units

If you would like to be more involved in this issue the Residential Studios Committee meeting dates are below and all will be open to the public to allow opportunities for discussion.

- November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 106/107 Herrity Building
- December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 4/5 Government Center
- January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 4/5 Government Center
- January 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 2/3 Government Center

Questions and comments can be submitted through the Planning Commission's e-mail: plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov

Annandale High School

The baseball team will be raising money for their team by raking leaves on Saturday November 23rd. If you’d like to support the team and have someone else clean up the leaves in your yard you can contact Head Coach, Dan Porter by email at Dnporter1@fcps.edu to schedule.

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 Lisa Pritt at LisaPritt@verizon.net to purchase the cards. We will deliver them to your door.

Boy Scout Fundraiser

Need Your House Number Painted on Your Curb

Call Boy Scout Troop 990 (703) 644-1311
NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Calendar Year January – December 2014
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

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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.

Name: ____________________________________ Phone #: ________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

E-Mail: ________________________________

- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

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SUGGESTIONS FOR:
Other Committees: ______________________

Topics for upcoming programs:

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