CALENDAR

February 2014
5  NSCA General Meeting
17  Presidents Day

March 2014
5  NSCA General Meeting
9  Daylight Saving Time Begins

April 2014
2  NSCA General Meeting
20  Easter

May 2014
7  NSCA General Meeting
17  Community Yard Sale
24  Community Cleanup Day

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General Meeting – February 5th
7:30 pm at the School

John Cook, Braddock District Supervisor, will speak to us about the changes that have been made to the draft plan for Residential Studio Units (RSUs). It is important that everyone continue to let our elective officials know our position on the issue until the final plan is approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Being a good neighbor means:

Being respectful of your neighbors and the community when disposing of trash and other unwanted items. Too many residents are leaving trash and other items on the curb for extended periods of time. This detracts from neighborhood’s appearance and poses a health and safety risk in that often the items left are scattered by animals or weather. Per county guidelines items are not to be placed at the curb until the evening before the scheduled pickup; containers and items not picked up should be removed from the curb no later than the evening of the pickup date.

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!
https://www.facebook.com/groups/425706394208940/
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 2014.

Supervisor Cook will be our guest speaker; he’ll bring us up to date on the changes that have been made to the RSUs plan and the expected timeline for finalizing the plan and Board approval. We must continue to press our elected officials until an acceptable plan is approved.

Your Civic Association is actively representing the community but our membership continues to slowly decline. Perhaps this is because too many of our residents don’t understand what we do. North Springfield is one of the oldest and largest associations in Fairfax County; through our participation in local Government we’ve gained the political clout necessary to influence, in our favor, policies that would affect us. The association maintains the neighborhood entrances and common areas in the community; responds to resident concerns by focusing the appropriate resources on solving the issue; and keeps the community informed on the issues and changes that directly affect us. 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.

Thank you to everyone who decorated their homes this year with holiday displays; our neighborhood looks great. There were a few homes that stood out; however, the parity among them made it impossible for us to select one over another so we grouped them under the category of must see this holiday season:

- 7504 Ferber Place
- 5215 Ferndale Street
- 7511 Gresham Street
- 7212 Hansford Court
- 5627 Heming Avenue
- 5503 Joplin Street

Best Grouping of decorated homes
- Anola Court
- Heming Avenue around 5710
- Heming Avenue around 5730
- Heming Place
- Hinton Street
- Webbwood Court, 7530 side

Best Decorated Outside Trees
- 7603 Boulder Street
- 7621 Boulder Street
- 7402 Estaban Place
- 5710 Guy Place
- 7406 Jervis Street
- 7411 Jervis Street
- 5508 Kevin Court

Honorable Mention
- 5760 Heming Avenue
- 5766 Heming Avenue
- 5414 Ives Place

Membership
Tricia Barnes

January is the start of the New Year for your North Springfield Civic Association. The association is for everyone whether you are an owner or renter. The civic association’s mission is to keep North Springfield a safe, well-kept community by serving as a liaison between residents and county government. Residents are kept informed through our newsletters, website and Facebook page.

Our greatest expense is printing and delivering the Newsletter; it is delivered to every house in North Springfield whether or not you are a member. Some people incorrectly assume if they get the newsletter they have paid their dues.

Our other large expense is maintaining common areas; cutting grass, pruning trees and shrubs; and replacing dead plants. Now that the
Leesville Sound Wall reforestation is complete this task will be even greater than in past years.

Association membership dues are $15 per household; the membership year goes from January 1 to December 31, 2014. If you are not yet a 2014 member there is a membership form in the newsletter.

Thank you to those who have already joined.

**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.

**NSCA Website**
Skip Chaples

Our website contains all the newsletter as well as valuable information about the community and local government. The “About Us” tab lists the officers, covenants and volunteer positions. The “Community Services” tab lists key phone numbers to call for help, teen jobs and rideshare information. The “Community Links” tab has contact information for elected officials, schools, places of worship and shopping.

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 interested in carpooling send us your name, phone number, destination, and time of commute.

Our Facebook page continues to grow as more and more residents join in to get their questions answered, exchange ideas and tell others about opportunities available in the community.

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Celeste Leyhe (703) 941-8088

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** Beautification**
Ed Stock

The Beautification Committee is responsible for maintaining the shrubs and grass areas at the four entrances to the community; the entrance median on Leesville Boulevard; and the hill at Heming and Leesville.

In Sept of 2013 the area next to the Leesville sound wall was developed with five flowering shrub beds and several new trees. Maintenance of these beds falls under the Beautification Committee.
This committee also maintains the four brick signs at the entrances as well as the two wood signs at Appomattox Court and the corner of Leesville Boulevard and Heming Avenue.

There are several volunteers in our community that regularly assist with the maintenance of these areas. Many have been volunteering for years. There is a continual need for more volunteers to assist with these jobs. Without volunteers our costs would rise substantially as we’d have to hire professionals to do them.

**Clean Streets Initiative** – Trash and junk can only be placed at the curb if you have a service coming to collect it and no earlier than the night before collection. The county is working on ways to address violators.

**Recycling** – All trash services in Fairfax County are required to pick up items for recycling. However, all services do not collect all the same items. For example, AAA does not accept pizza boxes or aluminum foil, American does; none accept things like wax covered paper, Styrofoam, glass or metal house wares, dishes or glasses, ceramics, light bulbs, batteries clothing or tires. Be sure to check with your service to see what they process; put everything else in the trash. Adding trash to your recycling only raises the cost of the service because the company has to separate it out and dispose of it.

**Fairfax County Website** – The county website www.fairfaxcounty.gov has a wealth of information for residents including all the rules, complaint forms and where to go for services. Check out Electric Sundays; days when you can recycle unwanted TVs and electronic; the next one is February 23rd, 10 am – 3 pm at the 4618 West Ox Road facility.
**Newsletter Advertising**

Take advantage of our low prices and your ad will be seen both in print and on our website by over 2,400 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:

**NSCA 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

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**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 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
FEDERATION OF CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS
MEMBERSHIP
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
PLANNING & ZONING
COMMUNITY SOCIALS
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:
Other Committees: ____________________________
Topics for upcoming programs:

- ________________________________________