President’s Message

Ken Balbuena

What an exciting time to live in North Springfield! Next year, we will celebrate the neighborhood’s 60th birthday but your Civic Association remains as committed to neighborhood quality now as it was then.

What do you think is the greatest problem plaguing North Springfield? Do you have a suggestion to improve the quality of life of our residents? Is the Civic Association doing enough for you? We want to hear from you. Our October 1st meeting will be a Town Hall where you can ask these questions and others. Your Civic Association board is committed to addressing concerns and listening to suggestions, so we can better serve you.

This summer we hosted the community’s first National Night Out crime prevention event and have worked with Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook’s office to address neighborhood safety concerns. Safety will be a big priority for us this session. We also plan to have more social events for our residents in addition to the advocacy efforts we continually do to maintain a positive quality of life for North Springfield.

In closing, thank you for putting your trust in me as your new Civic Association president. Please feel free to contact us with any needs or concerns. We look forward to serving you!

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1 – Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
4 – Election Day
5 – General Meeting at the School
8 – Scouting for Food Collection 9-11 am

December:
18 – Judging Holiday Decoration

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at www.nscivic.org/contactForms/EMailNotification.htm
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Membership
Patricia Barnes

Welcome all new residents to our North Springfield Community. If you have just moved to the neighborhood, we want you to feel welcome. Please contact our membership chair and someone from our Welcome Wagon program will stop by to provide you helpful information for new residents. If someone new has moved in on your block, please be friendly; introduce yourself and welcome them to our community.

The civic association helps better our community by keeping North Springfield a well-kept, safe area; keeping residents informed through our newsletters, Facebook page, and website. We are also a liaison between residents and county government. Our association is a member of the Federation of Citizen Associations which represents all civic and homeowner associations and serves as a united voice to local government representatives for our common concerns in Fairfax County.

Association membership dues are $15 per household. The membership year is from January 1st to December 31st. If you are not a member please join; there is a membership form in this newsletter.

Volunteering

The Civic Association has many volunteer opportunities. Please visit our website under “About Us” and “Contacts” to see all of our subcommittees and contacts. Whether you can commit to a regular schedule or are interested in one-time opportunities, we need you. Together, we can make this great neighborhood even better.

Minority Outreach
Ivan Carrasco

The 2010 US Census documents that minorities make up 40% of our neighborhood. If you are a minority we welcome your engagement in our community; we want to hear from you. NSCA has added a Minority Outreach Committee, and we want to share with you what we do and learn how we can better satisfy your needs. Please contact Ivan Carrasco, Minority Outreach Committee Chair.

Cleanup Day Last May

Thank you to everyone who made our spring Clean Up Day a success; the residents who brought their items to dispose, the team that collected things from neighbors that needed...
help, and those who helped unload the cars, collect membership dues and direct traffic. About 200 carloads of items were brought to the school; we filled four county trucks with unwanted items.

Helping with cleanup day were Calvin Coleman, Ron Kinzer, Al Steadley, Tom Cummings, Sam Boothby, Ed Stock, Lam Do, Amy Metzel, Lisa Walker, Hilda Mitchell, Amira Saleh, Emma Trollerud, Tim and Denise Boyer, Kevin Rudd, Laura Jones, Scott Pulliam, Steve Matula, Jeff Schaffer and Abby Smith. We had some last minute requests for help so thank you to the residents with trucks who after dropping off their items went out to pick up others’ items. Clean up day would not have been such a success without all your help.

**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 your house numbers on the curb for $5. It’s a great investment.

**National Night Out**

NSCA partnered with the North Springfield Swim Club to host the neighborhood’s first National Night Out. This crime prevention event is designed to combat crime by being a united presence throughout the evening. More than 200 neighbors joined together at the pool. Children were able to sit in a police cruiser and inspect both a fire truck and an ambulance. Law enforcement officials gave a safety lecture, and everyone enjoyed free ice cream sandwiches and swimming.

**Securing Your Vehicle**

Maryann Germaine

We have had several thefts from cars in the neighborhood over the summer. Remember to keep your vehicle locked and do not leave anything of value in it. Most residential thefts are crimes of opportunity; you create the opportunity and someone is liable to take advantage of it.

**Neighborhood Speeding**

Ken Balbuena

The NSCA board has adopted Supervisor Cook’s Neighborhood Speeding Initiative. We are asking Fairfax County’s Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study to determine which neighborhood streets qualify for which traffic safety measures. Once our options are known, we will conduct public hearings to determine which, if any of the options should be implemented. The adopted Neighborhood Speeding Initiative resolution can be found on our website homepage.

No one wants traffic calming measures installed in their community but the reality is too many residents continue to speed on our streets. If this behavior continues, law bidding residents have no other option to ensure their safety. Please slow down.

**Improvement Projects**

Skip Chaples

NSCA was successful in two recent grant applications. We received $5,000 from Transurban Fluor to install a watering station along the Leesville sound wall and $2,400 from the Fairfax County Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program to improve our entrance signs. Work on both grants will begin this fall and should conclude in early spring.

The bus stop shelters on Braddock Road near Heming were installed. Both have solar panels to power electric signage. The county pays for bus shelters with ad revenue and the advertisers wanted electric signs so their message can be more eye-catching and be seen day or night.

Fairfax County has agreed we need sidewalk extensions at the Appomattox Court bus stop, extend both ways across the island, and Heming bus stop, connect to the sidewalk on Heming. These additions are being coordinated with VDOT and will occur sometime. We’ll keep the pressure on until they are done.

You probably noticed that the contractors were back again along the Leesville sound wall. This
time the culprit is the I-95 Express Lanes. The 495 signage for these lanes is opposite the sound wall so they had to add more cable. The work is done and the area reseeded. We also met with the nursery that provided the plants to get replacements for the ones that died. The plants are under warranty and will be replaced at no charge. We’re also considering redoing the bed where most of the plants died at our expense.

The power for the new I-95 signage will be installed on the hill at the intersection of Heming and Leesville. Because the I-95 lanes are reversible the signs require 24/7 power. They will add a gravel road up the hill along the tree line (opposite Kathleen Place) and install a propane powered backup generator.

**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.

**Lorton Landfill Project Update**

On May 15, the Federation of Citizens Association hosted a panel between EnviroSolutions, Inc. (ESI) and Lorton community leaders regarding the Lorton Landfill Expansion Project. The latest proposal by ESI was to extend the life of the landfill to 2034 and provide a wide ranging demonstration in renewable energy -- wind, solar, geothermal, and methane. The Lorton community members had many concerns and opposed the plan. On July 29, the Board of Supervisors voted 6-4 to reject ESI's new proposal to extend the life of the landfill. The vote effectively closes the Lorton landfill in accordance with the date ESI set in a 2006 agreement; 2018 at the height of 412 feet. No determination has been made on where future waste will be directed after 2018.

**Lake Accotink Park**

As park funds continue to be cut there is a growing need for volunteers to help at the park. Trash washing down from streams feeding the lake is one of the larger problems they face. A great family project, and school service hours for your children, can be collecting trash along these feeder streams. NSCA made a donation this summer to the Friends of Lake Accotink to help with maintenance issues at the park.

**North Springfield Elementary PTA**

Kristin Brown

The first meeting of the PTA will be October 7th at 7:00pm in the school library.

The police department sent out new regulations this summer specifying that crossing guards may not direct traffic. Associations throughout the county are upset about this change and are working with the police and county elected officials to modify the policy. For now it is the law so please be patient and drive courteously during school arrival and departure times (8:25am and 3:15pm) as the crossing guard is prohibited by Fairfax County Police from directing traffic; she or he is only able to stop traffic so that children may cross.

Support NS, please, by going to Chick-fil-a on October 21th between 5-8pm for our Spirit Night. Just mention North Springfield and we will benefit from your order, thanks!

There are new “B Thrifty” boxes outside the front doors of the school. Please drop off unwanted clothes and shoes to be re-sold or recycled. Your support helps the school and our community.

We are excited about this school year and the renovations for our school, set to begin this November. Go Beavers!

**Annandale Fall Festival**

The annual Annandale Fall Festival and Parade will be held October 25th along Columbia Pike, stepping off at 10 a.m. featuring clowns, storybook characters, marching bands, and
beautifully costumed international dancers. This 64-year-old tradition is sponsored by the Annandale Chamber of Commerce.

From 10 am to 5 pm, enjoy the Fall Festival and the Taste of Annandale at the Safeway parking lot, 7414 Little River Turnpike, featuring food from around the world, live jazz, pop, and country western entertainment. One hundred vendors will be on-site with children’s books & toys, fashion accessories & jewelry, silk shawls and handbags, pet products, whimsical yard art, marionettes & baby accessories. The Kids Zone will feature puppet & magic shows, face painting, costumed characters, and a Toddler Play area. Older kids will enjoy the Obstacle Course & Bungee Jump, along with interactive & inflatable games, antique cars & a NASCAR.

**Recycling Electronics**

We receive numerous complaints regarding people leaving electronics items at the curb. Trash companies will not take them and your neighbors don’t want them. You can drop off electronic items for recycling free of charge at Best Buy on Frontier Drive in Springfield or at either Fairfax County disposal site; the I-66 Transfer Station at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax or the I-95 Landfill Complex at 9850 Furnace Road in Lorton.

**Teens and Parents Workshop**

On November 16th from 2:30 – 5:00 PM Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale is hosting a free workshop “Surviving Teen stress in Northern Virginia”. For teens in grades 9-12 there will be a “Survival skills for you and your friends” session; for parents there will be a “Building resilience in our teens” session. Details and registration form is on our website homepage.

**American Trash Service**

Customers report getting a letter from the company stating that they could include a tip for the service workers with their quarterly bill. One resident asked his service worker if he received the tips and was told no; he was not aware of the program. If you’re inclined to tip the service workers check with the company first to understand how you can verify that the money is going to the intended person.

**Boy Scout Fundraiser**

Need your house number painted on your curb?

Call BSA Troop 990 at (703) 644-1311

$5 Donation Requested

**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.
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N.S.C.A. Newsletter  
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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:

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**NORTH SPRINGFIELD WINTER TEEN JOB LIST**

Fill out this application and mail to: NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

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Phone #: ___________________ Age: _________ Availability Dates: ____________________

1. Check jobs of interest: Babysitting _____ Yard Work _____ House Sitting _____ Pet Care _____

2. Winter Snow Removal ________ (clearing walkways and/or driveways only)
Name: ________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Phone #: __________  Date: __________  Amount Paid: __________

E-Mail: ____________________________________________  Are you a new resident?  Yes

Only provide e-mail if you are not already on the list

Suggestions for program topics: __________________________________________________________

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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: ____________________________________________

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- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

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