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# General Meeting – March 4th 7:30 pm at the School

This month’s membership meeting will address “Increasing the Value of Your Home.” A panel of speakers including two real estate agents, an appraiser, and a general contractor will discuss key selling features of recent North Springfield home sales; factors appraisers consider when evaluating homes; what you should look for in a contractor; and basic DIY projects. All speakers are current residents of the North Springfield community and have done extensive work in the neighborhood.

**Being a good neighbor means:**

Paying attention to curb appeal; the impression your home and yard make on visitors and potential buyers as they drive through our neighborhood. The appearance of a home and yard reflects not only on the homeowner but also on their neighbors. Allocate some time to keeping your home and yard clean and clutter free. Prioritize the maintenance projects that need to be done and perform them as your budget permits. Come to our March meeting and get some ideas about what is important and where you can get advice and help.

# Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at [www.nscivic.org/contactForms/EMailNotification.htm](http://www.nscivic.org/contactForms/EMailNotification.htm)

Visit [www.nscivic.org](http://www.nscivic.org) for current community information

Join us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/NorthSpringfieldVA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthSpringfieldVA)
**Presidents Message**  
Ken Balbuena

The winter weather has made its impact on our neighborhood, and while it has not reached Snowmageddon levels, we have been fortunate to have had quick plowing of our streets by VDOT contractors. The Nov. 2014 newsletter on our website includes some winter weather tips you may find useful. If you are unable to shovel snow yourself due to illness or your physical condition, please contact us.

North Springfield is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. The NSCA Board is discussing potential celebrations to hold in honor of the occasion. Please send us your ideas, memories of the early days or copies of historical documents pertaining to the neighborhood that you would like to share with the community as part of a visual history project.

We are always looking for more volunteers; the more hands available the more we can do for the community. Short and long term opportunities are available.

NSCA officer elections will be held at our May 6th annual meeting. We are looking for individuals to serve as members of the nominating committee. If you are interested in being on this committee or running for an officer position (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer), please let us know. A quote attributed to Gandhi says, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Consider serving your neighborhood. Floor nominations for officer positions will also be permitted at the May meeting.

Reminder that you can now pay your membership dues and make donations online at [www.nscivic.org](http://www.nscivic.org) using Square or PayPal; we also accept credit card payments at meetings and other events. Thank you for your financial support; we look forward to serving you throughout the year.

**Bylaws Revisions**  
Ken Balbuena

The NSCA Board has drafted a revision to the association Bylaws; they are posted on the website. Association members are requested to review the proposed changes; members in good standing, those who have paid their 2015 dues, will be asked to vote on adopting the revised bylaws at the March 4th general meeting. In general, these changes:

- Use gender-inclusive language,
- Reflect NSCA’s current way of doing business, which has slightly evolved since the last bylaws revision in 1998,
- Consider new technology such as electronic voting on board matters,
- Clarify roles and responsibilities of committees, and
- Correct typographical errors.

**Traffic Calming**

Residents are encouraged to attend the April 8th NSCA membership meeting where we will be voting on whether or not to adopt $200 additional speeding fines on qualifying streets in the neighborhood. Since this is a community initiative the vote is open to all residents regardless of whether or not you are an association member. This program was detailed in last November’s newsletter, available on our website, and the topic of our February 2015 meeting. A summary of the comments made at the February meeting and our response is posted on the website.

The NSCA board is forming an ad-hoc Traffic Calming Committee. This committee will coordinate with the County’s Department of Transportation to develop a comprehensive traffic calming plan for North Springfield. Plan adoption will require a community vote. Once the committee is formed the process is expected to take twelve or more months. We’d like representation from all geographic areas of the community. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email Ken at kenbalbuena@gmail.com by March 15, 2015.

**Mark Your Calendars**

The annual Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd; Fairfax County solid waste trucks will be on site to collect any large bulk items you may have for disposal free of charge. The private collection companies serving North Springfield normally charge $50 for special pick up to haul away these items.

In keep with tradition, the Saturday before Clean Up Day (May 16th), is the recommended time for a community-wide yard sale. Households who wish to
conduct spring yard sales are encouraged to schedule sales for this day as a way of attracting a high volume of interested shoppers. The NSCA Board will discuss ways of making this a more coordinated effort that increases visibility for all residents’ yard sales.

**Membership**
Tricia Barnes

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership dues. As a reminder, dues are based on calendar year and are at an extremely affordable at $15 per household. Your financial support permits us to maintain the public areas of the community, print newsletters, have a website and conduct community events. Cash and check are the preferred methods of payment; we also accept credit cards online or at meeting and events. Visit our website to download a membership form and/or pay online. Donations are welcomed and appreciated.

**BSA Boy Scout Troop 990**
Skip Chaples

In March we’ll head back to the mountains for a weekend camping trip. 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.

**Logo Contest**
Margaret Panik

2015 is North Springfield’s 60th anniversary; construction began in 1955 and the first residents moved in around July 1956. The first entrance to the community was at Leesville and Backlick; the first homes were in that section of the community.

We’ve been using the same association logo since 1963 so we thought it appropriate that our anniversary celebration include taking a fresh look at it. All association members are invited to submit designs for our logo contest. Here are the rules:

1- You must be a current resident of North Springfield and association member.

2- Submissions may be made by email or in-person. All designs must be provided in electronic format; a jpeg, eps or pdf format is preferred; please check with us before submitting in another format. Email submissions to margaretApanik@aol.com or delivered in-person no later than 8 PM at the May 6th Civic Association meeting.

3- Limit of three submissions per person/address.

4- All submissions must include the artist’s name, address, email and phone number. Failure to provide this information will invalidate the submission.

5- The logo is used in both color (website and emails) and gray scale (newsletter, correspondence) applications so the color scheme used should look good in either format.

6- The logo must be scalable from about 1.5 to 7 inches wide.

7- All entries/designs become the property NSCA and will not be returned.

8. NSCA reserves the right to add to the rules if necessary and will publish any changes in the NSCA Facebook group page and via email.

All entries, including the current logo, will be posted on the website in May. Association members will have until the end of June to vote for their favorite logo. The winning entry will be announced in July; use will begin with the October 2015 newsletter.

The winning entrant will be featured in the October 2015 newsletter and receive a prize.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Panik at margaretApanik@aol.com.

**World Police and Fire Games**
John Simonetti

At a recent membership meeting, the Fairfax Federation heard a presentation regarding the upcoming 2015 World Police and Fire Games to be hosted by Fairfax County this June 26-July 5. Held every four years, these historic games will be spread throughout the county and will feature 12,000 professional, public safety athletes from 70 countries competing in 60+ sports. For more information or to volunteer for this once in a lifetime event, please visit the website at [http://fairfax2015.com/](http://fairfax2015.com/). Your NSCA Board will keep you posted on any new developments leading up to the Games.
PTA News
Kristin & Keith Brown

The North Springfield Elementary School (NSES) renovations have begun; construction is running ahead of schedule. The administration is working with construction crews to maintain safety and accessibility at the school.

The 2015-16 North Springfield Elementary School directory will contain advertising. The directory is sent home to over 400 families and the school staff in the fall and used as a resource throughout the school year. If you are interested in advertising your business in the directory email Lori@atozdirecories.com for additional information and rates.

The PTA is trying to organize a monthly fund raising restaurant night for the school. Please check the PTA calendar for dates and locations and support NSES – www.nsespta.org.

A reminder, you can drop off used clothing, shoes, goods, etc. anytime in the B Thrifty boxes across from the main doors of the school. Your donations financially benefit NSES.

You can also support us by dropping off used ink cartridges in the office or donating books.

We always appreciate Box Tops or Labels for Education too. They can be dropped into the bucket just inside the school’s front doors.

Bingo Night will be at 6pm March 6th. It is a good opportunity for service hours. We are still looking for donations of raffle prizes. Those who donate are welcome to supply business cards. Email NSESBLINGO@YAHOO.COM if you are able to donate a prize, promote your business and support our school. Thank you!
**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.

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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:

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Calendar Year January – December 2015
NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151
$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: _____________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________
Phone #: _____________________ Date: ___________ Amount Paid: ______________
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(Only if new or not already on our list)

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 -

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