President’s Message
Well the March snowfall was certainly unexpected, but as we move into the warmer spring weather, you can expect the usual sounds of spring with lawnmowers humming in the early morning and kids running around outdoors before and after school. We hope you are able to enjoy the nicer weather by getting outdoors.

I was particularly awed by one of my own fellow “Long Pine Loopers” who recently did just this. She volunteered to deliver our March newsletter. According to her Facebook post, her walk included “stopping ever so often to talk to friends & neighbors, getting hugs & catching up. I learned one neighbor has a new woodworking hobby, one neighbor was told she had late stage breast cancer and has survived 3+ years, [I saw] another dad and his son playing basketball in their cul-de-sac.”

We’ve got so many neighbors willing to share stories and strike up a friendly conversation if conversation happens. I challenge each of you to consider meeting a new neighbor or two as the temperature warms. I also hope you will consider joining us at our Cultural Festival that will be co-hosted by North Springfield Elementary School. We’ve got such a great neighborhood filled with good people. As C.S. Lewis said, “Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, ‘What You too? I thought I was the only one.”

Very Respectfully,

Ken Balbuena
NSCA President

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April 5 Cultural Festival
Out April NSCA general membership meeting will celebrate North Springfield’s diversity by way of a cultural festival that will be co-hosted in conjunction with North Springfield Elementary School and the National Association of Heritage Neighborhoods. We hope you will join us for performances, food, and cultural displays that represent the wide range of nationalities within North Springfield. The NSCA Board wants the entire neighborhood to feel a sense of community, especially the residents who typically are not involved in NSCA activities. Please attend and bring a friend. Regular business generally held at NSCA meetings will be suspended for this event.

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FLAG RUN PARK UPDATE by Ken Balbuena

Last month, I sat through a 3-hour meeting with multiple Fairfax County offices and others within the network of partners managing the Flag Run restoration. The County team leading the restoration project will hold an informational meeting on May 17 in the North Springfield Elementary School cafeteria. This is in addition to NSCA’s regularly-scheduled May meeting. It relates to the Flag Run Park along Elgar St between Ravensworth Rd and Juliet St. NSCA has long discussed clearing overgrown invasive plants. There is both good news and bad news. The good news: The County will completely clear the area of invasive plants for us, making the park project that much easier. The bad news: The County doesn’t expect work to begin until the summer of 2019.

As mentioned last month, the team of volunteers will move forward with polling the 39 or so residents in the surrounding area to see if they want something done to the park and if so, what.
DUES AND DONATIONS
Please help us meet our 2017 goal of 400 memberships and win a dinner at Kilroy’s! This is only 16% of the nearly 2,500 homes in North Springfield so it is a modest and achievable goal!

NSCA volunteers support the neighborhood by maintaining North Springfield’s common areas, improving neighborhood’s safety through the Neighborhood Watch efforts, and sharing information at six annual civic association meetings, in newsletters (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Apr, May), on Facebook, and via email blasts. NSCA also coordinates with the county regularly – all of this is a bargain at only $15 per year!

As a further incentive to help us meet our goal, the 400th member will win a $25 gift certificate from Kilroy’s. In addition, ALL residents who pay their 2017 $15 membership dues (additional donations are welcome and appreciated) by Dec 31, 2017 will be eligible for a random drawing to be held at the Feb 2018 NSCA meeting. Two lucky residents will each win a $25 Kilroy’s gift certificate!

Complete and return the mini form on the back cover or save time and pay online at mkt.com/nscivic. Thank you to the following neighbors who generously donated to the NSCA over and above their annual $15 dues during the past month.

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**TRIPLE P: PROBLEMS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT** by Ken Balbuena

This regular feature highlights an issue or concern raised to me and/or other members of the NSCA Board. Here is this month’s topic:

**Code Violations and Recommended Neighborhood Standards**

Q: I’ve got a neighbor who won’t clean up his/her yard or someone has left a couch on the curb for weeks or there are cars parked on the street, and some of them make it difficult for me to get out of my driveway. What can I do?

As you are probably aware, civic associations like NSCA are different than Homeowners Associations (HOAs). HOAs have regulatory authority to create additional restrictions beyond state and county code, and they have the legal power to fine people who violate their covenants. Civic associations do not have these powers. Rather, we keep the County accountable by asking them to enforce their own codes. We become an additional set of eyes for them, essentially, by informing them when there are code violations.

Something I’ve done during my time as president is adopt an HOA tactic, writing those often dreaded violation letters. Our letters, however, remind residents of County code and inform them that they are in violation of code and, therefore, are subject to any fines Fairfax County may impose on them. In many cases, residents are not aware they are in violation. As such, our system takes the HOA practice and gives it a more friendly approach.

Just to cite one area where these letters have proved capable is with grass height. Fairfax County Code §119-3-1 restricts grass or lawns from exceeding a height of 12-inches. When we first instituted these “reminder” letters three summers ago, we dropped 18 letters and all 18 yards were cut within a week. Two summers ago, we dropped 15 letters with 14 yards cut within a week and the final one within two weeks. Last summer, we only needed to drop 5 letters, and all had their yards cut within a week. A 17% drop after the first year and a 67% drop after the second year. Granted, we don’t police the neighborhood looking for violations, and we rely on residents to notify us when they see them.

Some residents may wish not to go the letter writing route and may report violations to the County directly. That is certainly the resident’s prerogative. Fairfax County’s official code violation reporting system can be found at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fido. Here you can submit complaints as well as see the status of it. Keep in mind, there are only 4 or 5 inspectors who investigate claims for the entire County, so it might take a while for the inspectors to do on-site investigations.

In order for a claim to be substantiated, the inspectors must see the violation first-hand. For example, if a car is reported to be parked on the front lawn, but it is not there when the inspectors visit, the violation is considered to be unfounded even though the violation may occur regularly. Additionally, violations reports that are found to be valid are given a window (10 to 30 days depending on the violation) to come into compliance. In some cases, residents may take the entire length of time to correct the issue.

When North Springfield was founded in the 1950s, there were covenants that were created, but these covenants often were not conveyed during home sales. Over time, these covenants were not enforced, and my guess is that if we tried to apply them today, they would not hold up in court if challenged. As an alternative, NSCA adopted Recommended Neighborhood Standards that tie state and County codes to commonly reported violations. Rather than reprinting them here, you can always review them at http://nsicivic.org/newsletters/documents/2016-05NEWSLETTER.pdf.

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

Oops, we missed the deadline for this! We will resume next month. Meanwhile if you have an interesting story to tell or if you know of a neighbor who may, please e-mail Nancy Moore at treasurer@nscivic.org. We want to meet more of our wonderful neighbors so we hope to hear from you!

**METROBUS UPDATE**

Last issue, we shared that the WMATA board was going to discontinue several bus lines impacting North Springfield: 17A, 17B, and 17M. Thanks in part to the letters and emails by NSCA and many residents, Metro has agreed to restore the 17M line. This will keep service along Backlick Rd, Leesville Blvd, and Queensberry Rd—all of which would have been eliminated. Had the 17M line not been restored, buses would only have been accessed along Braddock Rd. Service would have gone from 24 stops along 23 streets to 7 stops along 7 streets. Many residents rely on public transportation, and we are grateful for Metro’s consideration of community needs. To see the previous write up on this matter, please see page 6 here: http://nsicivic.org/newsletters/documents/2017-03NEWSLETTER.pdf.

**SHOP LOCAL EXPO TABLED FOR THIS YEAR**

The Shop Local Expo NSCA hosted last year and hoped to host this year has been tabled for 2017, but we will be organizing it again with a target date of February 2018. In part, NSCA wanted to wait until the school’s renovation was completed, so we can make some changes to the event, including location within the school, to ensure you have the best event possible. This event highlights our neighborhood talent such as real estate agents, plumbers, childcare, law firms, etc. We look forward to its return next year.

**NEXTDOOR (SOCIAL MEDIA)**

Many of you asked how to stay connected with NSCA if you don’t have a Facebook account, and some have asked about Nextdoor, a social networking site that is restricted to just members of your neighborhood. After literally months of working with Nextdoor, NSCA has finally merged various North Springfield groups into a single account. There are also ways to get updates from surrounding communities of your choosing, but only North Springfield neighbors will be able to see your contact information. Fairfax County has partnered with Nextdoor to provide updates to its communities. NSCA will continue using Facebook, but we will also use Nextdoor to provide information. To sign up, simply visit https://nextdoor.com and enter your physical address and email address.

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If you come, you may bring a donation of canned goods to help stock the ACCA food pantry, which serves families in need in the Annandale Community.

Questions? Call Cathy at 703-941-4113; or email cathy@ravensworthbaptist.org.

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**North Springfield Swim Club (NSSC) News** by Dana Cibulski

Hello NS neighbors! NSSC is celebrating our 60th season this summer. Your community pool is one of the original 6 swim clubs incorporated into Northern Virginia in the 1950s and we are still going strong. Our slogan is “Built in 1957 and rebuilt in 2016” as we just completed a major renovation of our bath house last year. Join NSSC! Visit http://www.nssc.org.

Members should have received the annual newsletter via email the last week of March. If you did not receive it, please contact us. If you want a hard copy, need to update your email address, or know someone who did not receive the newsletter, please email Alicia Ward, Membership Director, at membership NSSC@gmail.com.

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TRIPLE P: PROBLEMS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT by Ken Balbuena

This regular feature highlights an issue or concern raised to me and/or other members of the NSCA Board. Here is this month’s topic:

**Code Violations and Recommended Neighborhood Standards**

Q: I've got a neighbor who won’t clean up his/her yard or someone has left a couch on the curb for weeks or there are cars parked on the street, and some of them make it difficult for me to get out of my driveway. What can I do?

As you are probably aware, civic associations like NSCA are different than Homeowners Associations (HOAs). HOAs have regulatory authority to create additional restrictions beyond state and county code, and they have the legal power to fine people who violate their covenants. Civic associations do not have these powers. Rather, we keep the County accountable by asking them to enforce their own codes. We become an additional set of eyes for them, essentially, by informing them when there are code violations.

Something I've done during my time as president is adopt an HOA tactic, writing those often dreaded violation letters. Our letters, however, remind residents of County code and inform them that they are in violation of code and, therefore, are subject to any fines Fairfax County may impose on them. In many cases, residents are not aware they are in violation. As such, our system takes the HOA practice and gives it a more friendly approach.

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DUES AND DONATIONS
Please help us meet our 2017 goal of 400 memberships and win a dinner at Kilroy’s! This is only 16% of the nearly 2,500 homes in North Springfield so it is a modest and achievable goal!

NSCA volunteers support the neighborhood by maintaining North Springfield’s common areas, improving neighborhood’s safety through the Neighborhood Watch efforts, and sharing information at six annual civic association meetings, in newsletters (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Apr, May), on Facebook, and via email blasts. NSCA also coordinates with the county regularly – all of this is a bargain at only $15 per year!

As a further incentive to help us meet our goal, the 400th member will win a $25 gift certificate from Kilroy’s. In addition, ALL residents who pay their 2017 $15 membership dues (additional donations are welcome and appreciated) by Dec 31, 2017 will be eligible for a random drawing to be held at the Feb 2018 NSCA meeting. Two lucky residents will each win a $25 Kilroy’s gift certificate!

Complete and return the mini form on the back cover or save time and pay online at mkt.com/nscivic. Thank you to the following neighbors who generously donated to the NSCA over and above their annual $15 dues during the past month:

**GOLD ($50+)**
- Michael Adcock • Alison Dalitser • Jan & Steve Gaskins • Robert & Barbara Glotfester • Toni Horst & Wes Basel • John & Anamaria Long
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FLAG RUN PARK UPDATE by Ken Balbuena

Last month, I sat through a 3-hour meeting with multiple Fairfax County offices and others within the network of partners managing the Flag Run restoration. The County team leading the restoration project will hold an informational meeting on May 17 in the North Springfield Elementary School cafeteria. This is in addition to NSCA’s regularly-scheduled May meeting. It relates to the Flag Run Park along Elgar St between Ravensworth Rd and Juliet St. NSCA has long discussed clearing overgrown invasive plants. There is both good news and bad news. The good news: The County will completely clear the area of invasive plants for us, making the park project that much easier. The bad news: The County doesn’t expect work to begin until the summer of 2019. As mentioned last month, the team of volunteers will move forward with polling the 39 or so residents in the surrounding area to see if they want something done to the park and if so, what.
**President’s Message**

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**April 5 Cultural Festival**

Our April NSCA general membership meeting will celebrate North Springfield’s diversity by way of a festival that will be co-hosted in conjunction with North Springfield Elementary School as part of our Annual Heritage Night. We hope you join us for the performances, food, and cultural displays that represent the wide range of nationalities within North Springfield. The NSCA Board wants the entire neighborhood to feel a sense of community, especially the residents who typically are not involved in NSCA activities. Please attend and bring a friend. Regular business generally held at NSCA meetings will be suspended for this event.

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**Associations of Interest:**

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Association of Virginia Neighborhoods
Northern Virginia Community Wide Services
Federation of Lakes Associations
Federation of Townhouse Associations
Federation of Community Associations
Federation of Homeowners Associations

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**Website Update and Standard Email Addresses**

The goal is for the new NSCA website (nscivic.org) to be up and running by the end of the term in May. We are also working on rolling out a new look to our email blasts and have made reaching us easier. Rather than having to remember personal email addresses for NSCA’s leaders, we have created **nscivic.org** email addresses. We will continue to print contact lists in our newsletters (space permitting), but this will make remembering contact information a cinch.

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