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Floor nominations will also be accepted. Residents interested in running for any of the open officer positions must have their dues paid up to date in order to be eligible, per the NSCA Bylaws. For a description of each position, please visit nscivic.org/NewBylaws.pdf.

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**2017-18 OFFICER SLATE**

The NSCA Nominating Committee has convened and selected the slate of officers for the 2017-18 term. Visit the NSCA website for detailed bios of each candidate.

- President: Ken Balbuena
- Vice President: Scott Pratt
- Treasurer: Nancy Moore
- Secretary: Pam McCarthy

Floor nominations will also be accepted. Residents interested in running for any of the open officer positions must have their dues paid up to date in order to be eligible, per the NSCA Bylaws. For a description of each position, please visit nscivic.org/NewBylaws.pdf.

**COMMUNITY VOTE: PARKING STRIKE FORCE**

The May meeting will include a community vote to authorize the NSCA board to work with appropriate County offices (e.g. FCPD, Department of Code Compliance, and Supervisor Cook’s office) on exploring the establishment of a strike force to address illegal parking in our community. This would include the growing number of commercial vehicles on our streets, cars parked the wrong way, and even cars of residents without Virginia license plates. The latter has been part of Program TARGET, which resulted in $2 million in its first year. This additional County revenue stream will help keep our real estate taxes down. Attend our next meeting to give your voice to this measure.

**DID YOU KNOW** by Nancy Moore

In 1972, NSCA’s First Vice President, Dick Campbell, died in an automobile accident becoming the first sitting officer to die while in office. He lead the most successful membership drives in NSCA history while serving as membership chair for the 1971-72 session signing up 1,187 dues paying members (over half of the entire community). Today our goal is only 400! Please help us meet that modest goal AND be entered to win a $25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Kilroy’s!

**FLAG RUN COMMUNITY MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The previously announce informational meeting about the Flag Run Restoration Project has been changed a week later on May 24th at 7:30pm in the cafeteria of North Springfield Elementary School. Fairfax County’s Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) requested the change and should be notifying residents in the impacted area with a “formal” invitation from DPWES. Please try to attend if you are interested in learning more.

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President’s Message

This is the final newsletter of the 2016-17 term, and we’ve accomplished a lot despite not having a very ambitious list of priorities at the beginning of the year.

Infrastructure: Our persistent efforts resulted in the elimination of the entire neighborhood’s streets getting repaved for the first time since the early 90s. We worked with VDOT to repair three damaged sewer inlets and the panels of the soundbarrier along the 495 overpass as well as Dominion to install a new power pole on Heming. We have also had detailed discussions with the County regarding the Flag Run and Flag Run Park restoration, though it will not be started for two or so years.

Business Development: We secured preferred pricing for our residents to obtain home security devices, mosquito control, tree inspection and removal, and trash collection. (Please refer to past newsletters available on our website to view specific details or contact us at nscarcovacitc.org for more information.) We increased advertising revenue by 14% over the prior fiscal year, but, consequently, also significantly increased printing expenses (something we will address next term). Lastly, we solicited bids for a new beautification company. Craig’s Lawn Care was both a fiscally responsible choice, and they deliver quality work.

Resident Connectedness: We buried a time capsule last May, which was the first event we ever live streamed via Facebook Live. We continued this practice all of our general membership meetings. Increasing resident engagement has been my goal. Everyone has busy schedules and can’t always come to a civic association meeting, so we have tried to bring NSCA to you. We continued offering social events and initiatives like National Night Out (partnering with the pool, toy drive benefitting FCPS students, and a cultural festival/heritage night (partnering with the North Springfield Elementary SchoolPTA). We also introduced a ‘Meet Your Neighbor’ section to the newsletter.

Intergovernmental Relations: We joined Ravenswood Farm in successfully advocating for bus service to continue within North Springfield after the Metro general manager proposed the elimination of three routes that run through our neighborhood. We also tripled our Neighborhood Watch volunteers in response to unusually heightened crime in the community, and I introduced a feature in the newsletter (Triple P) to help residents understand County operations and processes.

Finally, as you will see, I am up for reelection as NSCA President. My intent was to serve 4-5 years, and I am entering my fourth, 1-year term. It has been an honor serving the community, and we have done great work together. I have also been accepted into George Mason University’s Master of Public Administration program. School will still demand some of my time, and it’s only fair that I pass the baton to ensure NSCA is given the attention it needs. As such, 2017-18 will be my final term as NSCA president, so I can focus on my studies. I hope someone will step up and express interest in being president for the 2018-19 term. If not, I will continue on as your interim president until the election is held in May.

Please contact me if you would like to learn more at president@nscivic.org.

Very Respectfully,

Ken Balbuena
NSCA President

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

May 3 – General Membership Meeting Topic: Emergency Preparedness (NSCA Officer Elections, Service Youth Awards)

May 6 – NSES Spring Fair

May 20 – Annual Clean Up Day

May 24 – Flag Run Restoration Community Meeting

May 27 – Community Day at the Pool

August 1 – National Night Out

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