



CALENDAR

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

Our March meeting will address what's happening with the Fairfax County Schools. Our speakers are School Board Chairman Llyryong Moon and Braddock District School Board member Megan McLaughlin. Come learn about how our schools are doing, the school budget, what's in the future and get your questions answered.

Being a good neighbor means:

Making your plans for the neighborhood spring cleanup. The cold and snow have taken their toll on our landscaping and stressed our building structures. The warmth of spring is not too far away and we should all make a list of those outside projects that need to be done in order to maintain the value of our homes as well as the curb appeal of our neighborhood.

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

School Board Chairman Llyryong Moon and Braddock District School Board member Megan McLaughlin will be our guest speakers; they'll bring us up to date on what's happening with our school system. Understanding the status and needs of the school system is important since we are now entering the annual budget cycle. Over the next two months the Board of Supervisors will finalize their spending plan and set the tax rates and fees we'll pay for FY15 which begins July 1, 2014.

Fairfax County Executive Edward L. Long was scheduled to present a multi-year FY 2015 and 2016 budget plan at the Feb. 25, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Karen K. Garza has release her proposed budget. Fairfax County is facing budget shortfalls in both FY 2015 and FY 2016 due to increasing spending requirements. The Fairfax County School Board has adopted the FY 2015 Advertised Budget of \$2.5 billion, a net increase of 2.4 percent, or \$59.4 million, from the FY 2014 Approved Budget. The FY 2015 budget includes reductions of \$96.5 million that would be achieved, in part, by eliminating 731.2 positions.

The schedule for public hearings on the budget will be released soon. You can get up to date information on the County budget at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>; up to date information on the school budget is at <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/budgetdocuments.shtml> .

Membership

Tricia Barnes

January was 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.

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.

Traffic Issues

We have received a number of complaints regarding speeding on Jervis Street between Heming Avenue and Ravensworth Road and illegal U-turns at the intersection of Jervis Street and Ravensworth Road. We have spoken with the community liaison officer at the Franconia Police Station and they have agreed to increase patrols on Jervis Street and Ravensworth Road; particularly during rush hour periods.

The posted speed limit on all the streets in our community is 25 MPH. We are a relatively crowded residential community; there are a number of cars parked curbside which reduces visibility for those backing out of their driveways; in places it can be difficult for cars going in opposing directions to pass one another; and we have a number of children and adults walking in the neighborhood. Speeding exacerbates this congestion and significantly increases the risk of an accident.

Making U-turns on residential streets is illegal regardless of how wide the street is. Other drivers do not anticipate such maneuvers; again, significantly increasing the possibility of an accident.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

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.

Entrance Signs

It has been suggested that we update the entrances to our community to make them more attractive and welcoming. We'd like your ideas.

Keep in mind the cost and the fact that the entrance signs are on VDOT property. VDOT gives communities reasonable leeway with their entrances but they do have rules; the more drastic the change the more VDOT hurdles we'll have to overcome.

You can e-mail your ideas and sketches to skipchaples@cox.net or mail them to NSCA, PO Box 1007, Springfield VA 22151.

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. 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.

Beautification

Ed Stock

Daylight savings time arrives March 9th; it's a sure sign that spring is on the way. The recent warm weather of even a few days gives us hope that winter is slowly but grudgingly giving up. It's time to take a look around the yard and look for daffodils and tulips to be popping up. It's also time to check out the house and garden to see what projects need to be put on the "to do" list. Cleaning out the leaves from around the flower beds and shrubs you will probably discover there are already natures first rumbling of spring. I noticed that the tulips on Leesville Boulevard have begun to appear; thanks to Cal Salch for once again planting and fertilizing them for us to enjoy.

For those of you who are new to the North Springfield area and you'll be glad to know we have a fine reputation for having a clean, well-kept community. Mowing, raking, pruning the yard and keeping our homes the way we hope others will keep theirs. It's a good time for some family fun to work together around the home and it is time well spent. Spring is a great time to paint up, cleanup and fix up. Get your neighbors out there with you. You'll both enjoy the results

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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 at the 4618 West Ox Road facility.

Wild Animals

Residents are reminded not to feed the wild animals in our community; it is against county law. Food attracts all animals; not just the cute ones for whom you intend it. Deer and rabbits that will eat all our greenery; mice and rats that will find their way into our homes; and foxes which may prey upon our small pets.

Growing Older?

If you're not please tell us your secret. If you are the county has a program that may interest you - Villages: Age-in-Place Supported Communities.

What is a Village? The Village concept is a growing grassroots movement that aims to provide the support that older adults may require when choosing to age-in-place. The idea is simple: neighbor helping neighbor. Villages help older adults stay in their communities by helping to coordinate and deliver services and support within their communities.

How does it work? Village organizers, who are typically ages 50 and older, create volunteer programs for seniors in their communities as well as vet and negotiate with service providers to assist older adults in their homes. A broad range of services may be available, including rides to medical appointments, discounts at local theaters, reliable home repair services, and home health care. Many Villages also offer social activities and informational seminars for their members.

For more information on the program or how you can get involved contact Braddock District Council Aging in Place Program coordinator Bruce Wallachy; e-mail: bwallbdc@gmail.com.

Community Cleanup Day

Our Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday May 24th; more information will be provided in April. We have two months to get everything cleaned up inside and out and hold our yard sales. May 24th we can get rid of those junk items that aren't saleable and the trash man won't take.

Boy Scout Fundraiser

Need Your House Number
Painted on Your Curb

Call Boy Scout Troop 990
(703) 644-1311

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.

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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 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

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
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- PLANNING & ZONING
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The order deadline is March 25, 2014.