



CALENDAR

May 2015

- 6 NSCA General Meeting – Diversity Outreach and summer opportunities
- 16 Community Yard Sale
- 23 Community Cleanup Day
Community Social at the Pool

August 2015

- 4 National Night Out at the Pool

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General Meeting – May 6th 7:30 pm at Saint Johns

The school is not available May 6th so the meeting will be held at Saint John's Church Hall, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield Virginia 22151. Our May 6th meeting will be the final meeting of the 2014-15 session; the topics will be diversity outreach and summer programs. Delegate Vivian Watts will also be in attendance (rescheduled from last month) to give a quick overview of the General Assembly's recent legislative session. Officer elections will be held at the end of the meeting.

We will be raffling gift certificates to local restaurants as well as some ticket packages to National's games.

Neighborhood Survey

NSCA is developing a survey to get your thoughts on our performance, ideas to consider, and any feedback you wish share. Your response will help shape our focus in the coming year; it will help us stay relevant and responsive to the changing needs of the community. Please ensure you are subscribed to our email distribution list to receive the survey when it is sent out later this summer.

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

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

Visit www.nscivic.org for current community information

Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/NorthSpringfieldVA

President's Message

Ken Balbuena

May marks the end of our 2014-15 term; I am proud of what we were able to accomplish. We addressed safety concerns by facilitating a dialog on neighborhood speeding; forming an Ad-Hoc Traffic Calming Committee; having a guard rail installed at the ravine on Long Pine; having bus stop sidewalks constructed at Braddock/Heming and Appomattox/Leesville; advocating for our school crossing guard to receive traffic control and direction training; and meeting with VDOT to review the condition of our roads and other safety concerns. We held social events including our neighborhood's first National Night Out, a Halloween pumpkin parade and community day at the pool. We updated our bylaws for the first time since 1998; began accepting credit card payments for dues; formed a Minority Outreach Committee to address the growing diversity of our community; sponsored a holiday toy drive; negotiated a preferred pricing contract with several mosquito control companies; and established a partnership with Northern Virginia Community College's American Sign Language program so deaf residents can fully participate in civic association meetings. Lastly, we were awarded two neighborhood improvement grants to install a watering station along the Leesville soundwall and upgrade our entrance signs; coordinated with Transurban to ensure the access road to the equipment on Heming Hill met our requirements; addressed mail delivery mishaps; and led a county-wide effort to restore funding to the enforcement of the grass ordinance. I am grateful for our board and committee chairs; their talents and commitment made it possible for us to accomplish all we did. We have several new plans starting this summer to commemorate the 60th anniversary year ahead. Announcements about them will be posted on our website and Facebook page and sent out via our email service. On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for allowing us to serve you this year.

We are always looking for more volunteers; short and long term opportunities are available.

60th Anniversary Celebration

July 1st marks the official 60th anniversary of our North Springfield neighborhood. At the May 6th meeting we will be declaring a year-long celebration honoring our community's and civic association's 60th anniversary; the civic association was established five months after the first residents moved in. NSCA is planning several events and programs during the next year; they include an opportunity for original homeowners to share their stories with the community, expanded offerings at current events, new events and community volunteer recognition programs. We'll also be launching a celebration fundraising campaign to raise the funds necessary for all the scheduled activities. Event sponsorship packages will be available for both business and individuals. We look forward to celebrating our 60th anniversary and your participation in the planned events; there will be fun and informative activities for all ages.

Teen Summer Jobs

The list of teens seeking summer work is in this newsletter and online.

Traffic Calming

The residents who attended the April 8th meeting opposed implementing the \$200 speeding fine program; the program will not be moved forward. The Ad-Hoc Traffic Calming Committee held its first meeting to discuss what traffic calming measures committee members wish to see and to discuss next steps. This group will work closely with Fairfax County's Department of Transportation to develop a comprehensive plan. Community feedback will be requested at several points throughout the following year, and a community meeting will be held to discuss which measures will be advanced to the balloting phase. During the final phase, residents located on the impacted streets will have the final say in accepting or rejecting proposals. Additional information about the committee and the process can be found in the April 2015 newsletter available online.

Service Directory

Our March membership meeting was well attended and showcased three residents who are experts in their fields - real estate, home appraisals, and general contracting - as the featured speakers. NSCA is interested in creating a directory of local talent that residents can reference. We welcome referrals of contractors, realtors, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, insurance agents, etc. Note that NSCA is only compiling a list and will not endorse anyone on it. While the focus is highlighting North Springfield residents, we will include referrals in Annandale, western Alexandria, and the Greater Springfield area.

North Springfield Cleanup Day

Ron Kinzer

Fairfax County will provide refuse trucks in the North Springfield Elementary School main parking lot between 8:00 am and 11:30 on May 23rd; please do not drop off any item before the trucks arrive. The trucks leave promptly at noon so please be there no later than 11:30 am. This is a great opportunity to get rid of old appliances, sheds, tires, lawn mowers, lumber and other kinds of junk. The County will not accept explosive materials, business construction materials, paint, or any dangerous items. The County usually does not accept yard waste, dirt, glass or wood used in fire places and reserves the right to reject any item. Contractors with unusually large loads must unload their own vehicles and are subject to County approval.

Check www.rbr.org for the locations of local stores that will recycle your used rechargeable batteries. You can take old/unwanted cell phones to the nearest police station. The phones are given to potential abuse victims for emergency use.

To learn about Hazardous Waste disposal you can listen to a recording at (703) 324-5068 or check the website www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Help is needed on Clean Up day from 8-12. We need volunteers to assist in collecting membership dues and overseeing the trash to treasure area. Help is also needed by people

with pickup trucks to assist neighbors to get larger items to the school. Please email Tricia Barnes tbarnesva@cox.net if you can help; full or part-time assistance is welcome.

Yard Sale

The annual neighborhood-wide yard sale will be Saturday, May 16th. Residents are responsible for marketing their respective sales, including way-finding signs, internet postings, and newspaper announcements. Last year, several residents collaborated on jointly marketing their sales, so you may wish to work with your fellow neighbors in your promotions. Residents are asked to take down your own signs following your respective sales. The NSCA Board has discussed forming a committee early next year to identify ways of enhancing this annual event that would also include exploring the feasibility of holding the sale at a central-location within the neighborhood versus the multi-yard format currently used. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact us.

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. 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 May we're headed to Shenandoah National park for back country hiking and camping. To learn more about our program contact Skip at (703) 644-1311.

Logo Contest

Margaret Panik

The entries in our new logo contest will be presented at the May 6th meeting and the community voting process will be opened.

Code Enforcement

NSCA opposed the budget cut for the enforcement of the grass ordinance; part of Fairfax County’s FY 2016 Advertised Budget. The NSCA Board passed a resolution that was included in the Fairfax Federation budget recommendations. The Federation is a County-wide association of neighborhood citizens groups who advise the County Board of Supervisors. As a direct result of the efforts led by NSCA, the Board of Supervisors restored funding to this program. To learn more about the grass ordinance, please refer to Fairfax County Code §119.

Once in a lifetime VOLUNTEERING!

In 2015 Fairfax County will host the 16th biennial World Police & Fire Games, one of the largest multi-sport multi-venue events in the world. The competition from June 26 to July 5 celebrates competition and camaraderie in 61 sports at 53 venues throughout Fairfax County and the National Capital Region. 4,000 VOLUNTEERS are needed in positions ranging from greeting spectators at venues, assisting with medal ceremonies, and helping with Results behind the scenes, to checking in athletes at Games registration, setting up the venues ... and many more - there’s a role for everyone. Certified medical VOLUNTEERS are needed also! Don't wait and be too late, scheduling starts in April Support these Heroes by applying today at <http://fairfax2015.com/volunteer>.

Audit Committee

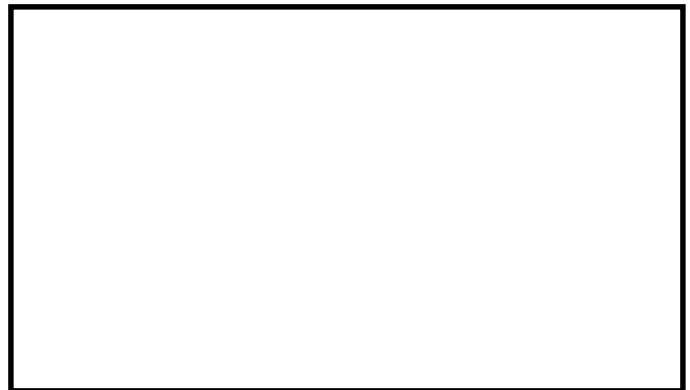
We’re still in need one more volunteer with accounting experience to join the committee to audit NSCA’s finances. The task will begin after the May meeting. The committee will be asked to provide the Board with a written audit report within one month of the audit’s completion. This audit report shall be available to the public upon request.

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.



Celebrating Our Growth

2015 marks the 60th anniversary of our community while 2016 marks the 60th anniversary of the North Springfield Civic Association (NSCA). To begin our year-long celebration we're documenting the highlights of our community's growth over the past six decades, NSCA's role in that growth and our vision for the years ahead. The document will be posted on the website hopefully by the time of our May meeting; if not, it will be shortly thereafter.

Communities form associations as an effective and efficient means to address their common interests; maintaining safety, preserving property values, ensuring services are provided, facilitating community events and keeping residents informed about important local issues. Newer communities have mandatory Homeowner Associations (HOA); older ones like North Springfield have voluntary Civic Associations (CA). They serve the same purpose but differ in one respect: who has the authority to enforce the covenants governing the

over the past six decades coupled with our residents' commitment to a quality neighborhood. The years ahead present formidable challenges. They include 1) addressing the issues associated with an aging neighborhood; 2) an increasing senior population; and 3) a growing number of home businesses. As demonstrated by our history, these and other challenges can be successfully met with the engagement and commitment of our residents.

Officer Elections

Elections for the four officer positions will be held at the May meeting. To date the only candidates are the current officers: President Ken Balbuena, Vice President Scott Pratt, Treasurer Skip Chaples and Secretary Margaret Panik. If anyone else is interested in running for any of these positions, nominations from the floor will be taken before the vote.

community. In HOAs that authority resides with the Association. The Association can take legal action against a homeowner that does not comply and all homeowners must pay an annual fee. In CAs that authority resides with the individual homeowners. Only a homeowner can take legal action against another homeowner who does not comply and association dues are voluntary.

Given the distinction between the two forms of associations, NSCA addresses the common interests of our community by soliciting the voluntary cooperation of all residents. We educate residents on applicable rules and if necessary, ask authorities with enforcement powers to intervene. We also engage local government to ensure our community's interests are considered during their decision making process, and we facilitate community dialog on important issues so that we can collectively find solutions that are in the community's best interest.

The quality of our community today is a testimonial to the success of NSCA's approach

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: _____

E-Mail: _____ New Resident? Y N
(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 -

BEAUTIFICATION

FEDERATION OF CITIZEN ASSOCIATIONS

MEMBERSHIP

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

PLANNING & ZONING

COMMUNITY SOCIALS

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:

Other Committees: _____

Topics for upcoming programs:

Status Updates

The landscaping contractor will be replacing the dead plants along the Leesville sound wall in late April or early May.

The Leesville soundwall water station is scheduled for installation by mid-May.

U-Haul on Port Royal Road has agree to adjust the lightening of their backlit sign to reasonable evening hours so as not to disturb Ravensworth and North Springfield residents living nearby.

TEEN JOB LIST

Name	Phone	Age	Snow Removal	Yard Work	Baby Sitting	House Sitting	Pet Care
	-703						
Rachel Adams	941-3656	17		X	X	X	X
Steven Adams	941-3656	15	X	X		X	X
Patrick Brown	866-3044	14	X	X			X
Elizabeth Corcoran	731-7065	14	X	X	X	X	X
Nathan Corcoran	731-7065	16	X	X		X	X
Grace Marie Fechhelm	913-5455	14	X	X	X	X	X
Ryan Flynn	943-8346	16	X	X		X	X
Brandon Hughes	571-4491989	17	X				
Sierra Hughes	354-7402	14					X
Noah Nelson	571-839-3184	16				X	X
Bob Noor	571-336-7016	16		X			X
Michael Oliver	644-9709	12	X	X			X
Mimi Oliver	644-9709	14	X		X	X	X
Vincent Oliver	644-9709	16	X	X		X	X
Katie Pope	571-296-4139	13			X	X	X
Carly Potts	642-1459	18			X	X	X
Anthony Reilly	455-8567	14	X	X	X	X	X
Nicholas Reilly	455-8567	13	X	X	X	X	X
Jeraldo Ruiz	798-9782	15	X	X			
Caitlin Schwartz	256-9009	15				X	X
JR Tackaberry	608-0104	15	X	X	X	X	X
Gabby White	232-3131	15		X	X		X
Darius Zorin	451-8385	14	X	X	X	X	X

VDOT Meeting

NSCA Board members recently met with State Delegate Vivian Watts, her staff, and representatives from VDOT to discuss the condition of our roads and other related safety concerns. We learned about the basics of VDOT's road assessment and paving schedule process. The 2015 and 2016 schedules for road work were sent to legislators but have not yet been posted on VDOT's website; some North Springfield roads were on the list for the next two years. We also shared with them a list of comments that residents provided on our Facebook page. The full report is on the NSCA website.

North Springfield Elementary School

Students are performing the play "Annie" on May 6th and 7th at 7 pm. Admission is open to the public.