

# Springfield Reporter

## President's Corner

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Friends and Neighbors,

Our first SCA meeting of the new season is Tuesday, 18 September. In this election year the focus for the evening is "Candidates' Night". We expect cool heads and cooler weather will grace the evening. Over the summer, the SCA Board has been busy planning the November, January, March and May meetings, perhaps to include one special meeting set aside for Supervisor McKay. Stay tuned for more of what's in store for membership.

On the local scene, Executive Committee members have convinced many local businesses to advertise in our newsletter. The ad fees help defray newsletter costs, fund SCA initiatives, and spread the word in the business community that the SCA is another avenue for increased business and success. After all, partnering with business and government and creating long-term relationships is one of the SCA's primary goals.

Continuing the theme of shared success, the SCA worked with business and government to end the blight of commercial truck parking on Brandon Avenue and Bland Street. Special thanks to Mr. Harold Tutor of Marriott Towne Place Suites for galvanizing the business community, and Supervisor McKay and his staff for coordinating the County's efforts. The parking ban took effect on 1 August and immediately improved the look and feel along those streets. This is a big win for us all as we take more positive steps to remake our image in concert with the Mall's rebirth, the new Hilton hotel at the Veterans Bridge and many other promising changes in our area. Challenges remain, but we are building on our successes.

As I sign off, I hope to see you at the Veterans Bridge Walk on Tuesday, 28 August. Meet the crowd at the corner of Bland and Amherst at 7pm, get some exercise, and join the troops from Fort Belvoir as we march over the bridge to the American Legion Hall for a patriotic evening, prize drawings, free food and lots of community fun.

My best regards,

**Bruce Waggoner**

## SCA September Meeting

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Tuesday, September 18

Crestwood Elementary School

Social time 7:00, Meeting 7:30 sharp

Door Prizes and Refreshments

Program Topic: Candidates' Night

Meet candidates who will appear on the ballot on  
November 6.

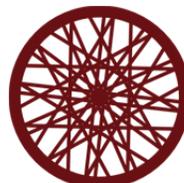
## Message from Supervisor McKay

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I've been thinking a lot about emergencies lately—a derecho, four days without power in a heat wave with two small kids, and a flooded kitchen floor will do that to you. So will a magnitude 5.8 earthquake such as the one we experienced last August. In this part of the country, we're accustomed to weather emergencies that give a few days' notice—with hurricanes and snow storms there's usually time to make a store run, secure loose items around the house, and alter travel plans. Garden variety thunderstorms are a normal part of our summers and any power outages are usually short. The derecho (violent straight line thunderstorms with the power of tornados) that roared into our area on June 29 was something else entirely and a sharp reminder of what nature can do to our infrastructure. I'd say we've had a loud wake-up call to government at all levels, to utilities, and most of all, to us as individuals to plan for the unexpected.

Back in the days and months after the 9/11 terrorist attack you couldn't read a news story or turn on the TV without hearing about family emergency plans. Many of us put those plans in place and then as the years rolled by without incident, those plans and emergency kits gathered dust and got shuttled off to a closet somewhere.

Emergencies come in many different forms and some of the most damaging have natural causes. Now would be a good time to dust off and replenish those emergency kits and communication plans.



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Fairfax County's web page has a lot of very useful information at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/residents/>. If you go to <http://family.readynova.com/> you'll be guided through creating a family emergency plan. It'll be a half hour well spent that could save you hours and days later.

If I could ask for just one thing, it's for every Fairfax County resident to sign up for the County's CEAN (Community Emergency Alert Network) text alert system. This system delivers important alerts, notifications, and updates during a major crisis or emergency, in addition to day-to-day notices about weather and traffic. You can sign up online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean). Messages will be delivered to all devices you register, including email accounts, cell phones, text pagers, satellite phones, and wireless devices.

This is information that I hope you'll never need to use but it can help you to sleep better at night knowing you're well prepared.

### FLAP Update

Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Director John Dargle will hold a Listening Forum in the Springfield District at Hidden Pond Nature Center on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. According to the FCPA, Dargle will host an informal conversation about park-related concerns and issues. This meeting is an opportunity for you to voice your concern about winter de-staffing at Lake Accotink, or other park-related issues, prior to voting on a Nov 6 Park Bond Referendum.

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# National Night Out Report

National Night Out scored well in our Crestwood community. With eight events that evening, we had a total of 165 neighbors in attendance. In addition, we greeted the Fairfax County Police and Fire Departments. The big red and white fire trucks are always a hit, especially with the kids, but I assure you, the adults appreciated their presence and that of the uniformed police officers as well. We joined communities from across the country in showing that we care about our neighborhood, our police and fire safety and our support for each other.



Neighbors who previously only waved met for the first time at this event

SCA President Bruce Waggoner has this to say about the event:

"The SCA's successful involvement in National Night Out (NNO) on 7 August is attributable to our neighbors and friends who hosted gatherings. George Towery led the way and we commend him. I had a terrific time at two cookouts, renewed acquaintances and got to know several folks I had not met before. It was yet another reminder of the eclectic nature of our community, i.e., people of all types and experiences who are doing amazing things with their lives and have much to share and to give to others. The SCA

## Message from Lynbrook Elementary School

Greetings are extended to Springfield Civic Association members from Lynbrook Elementary School as we begin another fabulous year. Excitement is in the air as the students return on September 4 with one of the largest group of Kindergarten students ever. For the second year in a row Lynbrook has over 100 kindergarten students. As you may have noticed, construction has been occurring at Lynbrook with the addition of more classroom space. However, due to the increasing enrollments the last two years, even this expansion will cause Lynbrook to be short on space. But had we not received that expansion and support from the Board



A large multi-generational gathering on Atteentee Rd.

neighborhoods are rich in skills, talent, variety and experience. Our demographic is our greatest resource."



Board Members Gail and Merry teamed up to host 25 neighbors

Thanks to Betty and Joe McGowan, Cassie and Jason Planakis, Peggy Woods-Clark, Gail Nittle, Merry Macke, Kim Hatfield, Gail Parsons and George Towery who opened their yards and graciously welcomed neighbors some of whom formally met for the first time. Next year, let's continue to celebrate and expand our National Night Out events. Four hosts have already agreed to repeat the event next year.

of Supervisors and the Springfield taxpayers for the bond referendum, severe overcrowding would be occurring. So a big THANK YOU to everyone.

You may have also noticed the addition of a habitat garden in the front of the school near Backlick Road. The 2nd grades each year study butterflies and especially the life of the Monarch. This natural habitat garden will enable first hand learning right outside the school windows, and all classes may use it for various subjects. Near the end of last school year Lynbrook was able to get some funding through Fairfax

County Schools to purchase plants and supplies, and the PTA parents, teachers, and other staff spent a Saturday morning preparing and planting the garden. As happens, some plants died, but overall the garden is looking great given the hot and dry summer we had. We at Lynbrook view the garden as a "community garden" for all of Springfield to enjoy, so stop by to check it out sometime. This is our Phase I, while we dream of vegetables, herbs, and other plants in the near future. Gardening is a great activity for family involvement alongside teachers - working together. Family involvement is the PTA's shared vision with Lynbrook's administration consisting of Principal Mary McNamee and Assistant Principal Shirley Shannon.

As always it will be a busy and active year at Lynbrook. The PTA will be trying to raise funds again this year for many activities that could not occur without the generosity of the community. Along with various extra school activities and field trips, a significant fundraising event each year involves the 4th grade students' trip to Jamestown. This is a fabulous learning experience for our students, many of whom are from immigrant families, as they learn about the founding and development of America. So watch for the bake sale on Election Day, and even if Lynbrook isn't your polling place, stop by and try out some baked goods. If anyone has questions about Lynbrook, the PTA, or activities that may be going on please email lynbrookpta@president@gmail.com. Membership is open to everyone.

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## Fairfax County Emergency Operations Center Tour

On Saturday August 18, members of the SCA were invited to tour the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC.) The tour was led by David M. McKernan, who is the Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management for the county. The facility is one of the most technically advanced non-military emergency operations centers in the country. Mr. McKernan emphasized the need for all citizens to be prepared for unusual events, reminded all of us to be prepared to be on our own for a period of 72 hours, and asked that we check on our neighbors when emergency events occur.



As part of the tour, our group viewed the 9-1-1 Call Center. The capability of the call center includes joint operating agreements between Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax so that 911 operators can dispatch the closest available units, appropriate to the type of emergency.

Don't forget about the Fairfax County Special Needs Registry, which allows residents with medical needs and organizations assisting those with social needs an opportunity to provide information to Fairfax County so that agencies can communicate emergency preparedness, response and recovery resources to our vulnerable, at risk and hard-to-reach residents:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds/>

## Congressional District Boundary Change

If you live in the Crestwood or Lynbrook precinct, your Congressional District has changed from the 11th Congressional District to the 8th Congressional District. Virginia HB 251 Congressional Districts Changes in Boundaries lists all of the new boundaries by precinct. Crestwood and Lynbrook precincts are now represented by Congressman Jim Moran, instead of Congressman Gerry Connolly.

The State Board of Elections has a handy tool for citizens to use to confirm their voter registration status. Find it here: <https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration>

## Crestwood Update:

Crestwood PTA would appreciate any assistance in collecting Box Tops For Education. They can be found on many everyday grocery store items. Please drop them in the container in the school front office or bring them to meetings.

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**Thursday, October 4, 6:30-8:00:** Teen Volunteer Fair. Make your service hours count! Community organizations introduce you to interesting, fun and fulfilling opportunities. Cosponsored by Volunteer Fairfax. Age 12-18. No registration required.

**Saturday, October 6, 1:00-3:00:** GIVE Free Tutoring Program. All interested parents, students and high school volunteers are invited to learn more about this year-long mentoring program for elementary school students. All ages. No registration required.

**Tuesday, October 30, 7:30-9:00:** Jonathan Maberry: Zombies, Soldiers and Superheroes. Enjoy a spine-tingling evening with horror, thriller and comic book author Jonathan Maberry. Books available for sale and signing. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library. Adults and teens. Registration begins October 16.



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## Baby Boom on Nancemond Street



Jason Floyd (born 7/30) and Rose Whittock (born 8/7) meet for the first time. Two more neighbors are expecting in the near future. Sara Martin, Rose’s mom, is our regular newsletter and website editor. Congrats to all!

## Queridos miembros de la comunidad hispana:

De la Asociación Civica de Springfield quisieramos invitarles a una reunión el día 18 de Septiembre que tendra como objetivo el de ilegar a conocernos mayor y será una oportunidad en la que podamos escuchar sus opiniones. Esta reunión será en la escuela elementaria de Crestwood a las 7:00 de la tarde. Esperamos contar con su valiosa presencia.

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“For me it has served as a bridge to understanding the challenges and opportunities that surround us. Through understanding and greater awareness, we work toward solutions through positive action and initiative. If you want to shape the future of Springfield, join the SCA.” (member for 12 years)

“The first speaker I heard at my first meeting was a Fairfax County City Planner whose focus area was Springfield. He was here, talking to us, and answering our questions about our neighborhood. 'Here is the 30 year plan for where you live,' he said, and went on to talk in depth about many planned area improvements over the next 10, 20, 30 years and why Springfield is THE place to build right now in the region

Later meetings were Q&A discussions with County officers on 'Code Compliance information for the home owner, Real Estate market for our neighborhood- what sells and what is not worth the investment from the people who SELL houses in our neighborhood; and even a lecture on disaster planning and preparation at a family level from the Emergency Manager for the whole county, not just someone reading from a slide or online website.” (member for 1 year)

“SCA advocates for us with our elected and appointed officials at every level of government. When we increase our membership, we increase our ability to be heard by these officials.” (member for 9 years)

“I have appreciated not only belonging to the SCA but being actively involved. Through it and the people I have met there, I have been able to stay abreast of neighborhood, community and state happenings. Because of the presentations the SCA has offered, I have joined other civic organizations and come to know the community leaders, both elected and volunteer. It's encouraging to meet and get to know others who are working to make this a wonderful place to live. Being part of the SCA gives you a great opportunity to have your voice heard and make a positive difference.” (member for 10 years)



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