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November Meeting
Tuesday Nov. 15
Crestwood ES

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7:30 sharp

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Rebuilding Together



Springfield Civic Association

Where we all come together

President's Message—Bruce Waggoner

To ALL GREETINGS:

With Thanksgiving soon approaching it's appropriate to recount our blessings at the Springfield Community level.

Today we as American Citizens will exercise our right to vote from President of the United States to multiple County referendums, e.g., the meal's tax, and parks, transportation and human services bonds. That's something special to be thankful for in our Republic. Whether we are thankful for the choices presented may be another matter entirely, but that is for each of us to determine individually. The SCA Board hopes you will make time to shape the future from top-to-bottom by actively participating in the American spirit of self-determination and civic pride.

At our Tuesday, November 15th meeting at Crestwood Elementary School we will first introduce the Fairfax County Police Department's (FCPD) Liaison Officer, MPO Allie Eggers, who will address local crime and Police reporting policy. The SCA has long actively partnered with the FCPD to identify better ways of communicating our concerns, but also of mutually working to share pertinent information more rapidly. MPO Eggers is a veteran Franconia Precinct Officer and no stranger to the SCA and its membership. She will be worth our time and attention.

Following MPO Eggers will be Bob Vitter from *ECHO* and Patti Klein from *Rebuilding Together*. Both presenters have a local focus and are looking to establish and strengthen partnerships. Partnership is a mission focus of the SCA, and we will make *ECHO* and *Rebuilding Together* welcome. Come out and make contact with your neighbors; we are a richly diverse and eclectic community working to improve the local way of life.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,
Bruce Waggoner
President, SCA



Reminder for Dues

The SCA would like to remind its members that dues for the 2016-2017 year were due in September. You can still pay your dues either by cash or check at our next meeting on November 15th, or you can pay your dues at anytime via our [website](#). Dues are \$15 per household.

While many activities hosted by the SCA are open to the public, the dues paying members receive full access and benefits with membership. The funds raised from dues go directly to helping support the SCA and its members.

A Message from Jeff McKay

Out-of-State License Plates

Over the past few years there has been a growing problem with vehicles with out-of-state license plates being housed in our neighborhoods. Our County's location is a big draw from people all over the country for both temporary and permanent relocation. With a few exceptions, including active duty military families, everyone living in Fairfax County is required to register their vehicle where it is housed and pay taxes. We found that there were many new and existing residents that were not complying with this law.

In April of last year, I wrote a Board Matter that asked our legislative staff to draft corrective language for a proposed amendment to the state code to ensure that the penalty for not paying property taxes is levied each year for as long as a resident vehicle with out-of-state plates is not in compliance with Virginia registration requirements.

After much research and investigation, the Board of Supervisors alongside the Fairfax County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and Department of Tax Administration (DTA) is working together to enhance enforcement of these offenders. The County's newly updated and streamlined TARGET program allows residents to report potential offenders online and two-way communication to keep up to date with the status of tips. The Fairfax County Police Department's parking enforcement officers are also cracking down on out-of-state license plates.

The TARGET program has proven to be very successful and has already yielded positive results in the first several months of implementation. To date, more than 2,000 vehicles have been added to the DTA's tax records and over \$600,000 was due in October. I have confidence these figures will only grow. Because the state severely limits how we can collect revenues, making sure everyone is operating within the law is vital. Abiding by property tax laws and registration requirements is not only mandated by state law but fair and economical, as well.



Winter Outerwear Collection

This fall, businesses across the Greater Springfield area will be collecting winter outerwear for local families in need.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's annual winter outerwear campaign aids underserved residents in our community.

"Living here in the Greater Springfield area is a blessing we often take for granted," said Nevin Gibson, chair of the Chamber's community affairs committee, which organizes the annual drive. "We're proud to have hosted this campaign for many years. The drive assists our neighbors who find themselves in economic straits during the harshest months of the year."

Businesses will serve as collection locations Monday, Nov. 14 through Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. Donations to the winter outerwear campaign support ECHO and Koinonia, two local organizations supporting residents in need in the Greater Springfield area. Volunteers retrieve collected items and prepare them for distribution this winter.

The collection locations will accept winter outerwear, including new winter hats, new scarves and gloves for all ages, new children's coats, and clean, gently-used blankets. Each year there's a special need for coats, especially in children's sizes infant through 16 and adult plus sizes.

For a list of places where you may drop off a winter outerwear donation visit the Chamber [website](http://springfieldchamber.org), springfieldchamber.org or call the Chamber office, 703-866-3500.

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Crestwood Elementary School's PTA Kicks-off a New School Year

This year at Crestwood, the PTA welcomes several new board members and it's looking for even more new members. We've got plenty to do, so there are plenty of volunteer opportunities!

To join, donate, or find more information on these events, please check us out at Crestwood-PTA.org, Facebook.com/crestwoodpta, and follow us on Twitter @CrestwoodESPTA.

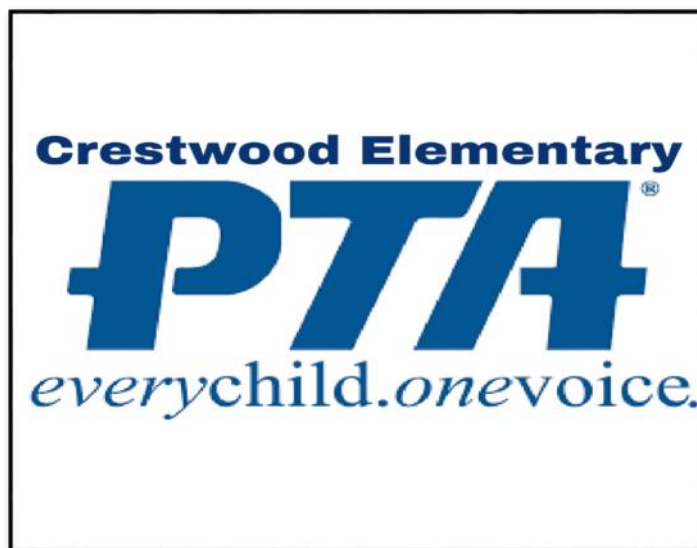
Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Crestwood Clean-Up Day - Nov. 12. Bring gloves, rakes, and even you kids to help cleanup and beautify Crestwood School grounds.

Literacy Night - Nov. 17 at 6:30pm. More information to come.

General Membership Meeting - Dec. 8 at 7pm in the Crestwood Library

Questions? Email CrestwoodOwlsPTA@gmail.com.



Richard Byrd Library

The GIVE Free Tutoring program held its annual orientation at the Richard Byrd Library on October 22. GIVE was founded by local high school students who wanted to provide educational peer mentoring by volunteering their services in communities with low income levels. The parents of these children cannot afford to pay for tutoring. The GIVE volunteers tutor students in grades K-6 on most Saturdays at the library from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Parents who did not attend the orientation may check the website at www.giveyouth.org or check on Saturday afternoon with the coordinators to register their children for the program. The program runs through May 13, 2017.

Events at the library in November and December (excluding Friends Book Sale Dec. 1-4):

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. **English Conversation Group.**

Wednesdays, Nov. 2 and December 7, 10:30. **Fun with Ones.** Storytime for children age 12-23 months with adult.

Thursday, November 3, 17; December 1, 15, 7:00 pm. **Springfield Writers' Group.**

Tuesdays, November 8 and December 13, 10:30 am. **Mother Goose Time.** Age 0-13 months with adult.

Tuesdays, November 8 and December 6, 7:00 pm. **Bed-time Storytime.** Age birth-5 with adult.

Wednesdays, November 9 and December 14, 10:30. **Time for Twos.** Age 2 with adult.

Thursdays, November 10 and December 8, 1:30 pm. **Afternoon Book Club.** Adults.

November 10: *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin.

December 8: *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.

Tuesdays, November 15 and December 20, 7:00 pm.

Classics Book Club. Adults.

November 15: *Diary of a Madman* by Nicolai Gogol.

December 20: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

Wednesday, November 16, 10:30. **Moose on the Loose!** Age 3-5 with adult.

Saturday, November 19, 10:30 am. **Ipad Pictures.** Learn how to manage pictures on your ipad. Bring your charged iphone. Adults.

Saturdays, November 19 and December 17, 1:00 pm. **CoderDojo: Teaching Kids to Code at Richard Byrd Library.** Age 7-17; parents must attend with children under age 10. Bring a laptop to be on the safe side as number of computers are limited.

Mondays, November 21 and December 19, 4:30 pm. **Hidden Pond Monday.** Age 6-12.

November 21: Animals Prepare for Winter
December 19: Reptiles.

Tuesdays, November 22 and December 20, 10:30 am. **Preschool Storytime.** Age 3-5 with adult.

Tuesday, December 6, 4:30 pm. **Richard Byrd Explorers.** Presented by National Science Foundation Einstein Fellows. Age 8-12.

Saturday, December 10, 11:00 am. **Game On.** Have you ever wanted to learn how to design a computer game? Come and learn computer game coding. Ages 8-12.

Tuesday, December 20, 2:00 pm. **3D Printing Basics.** Learn about the Fairfax County Public Library's new 3 D printers and how to use the free online program Tinker-CAD to bring your ideas to life. Age 12-18.

Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 am. **Craft Extravaganza.** Come and join us to do some crafts. Let your imagination go wild. All ages.

Crestwood Elementary School College/ Career Readiness Group



For the 2015- 2016 school year, thirty-three sixth grade students at Crestwood Elementary School self-referred themselves to be part of an after-school club that met once a month led by School Counselor, Ms. Crummett, where they could learn more about post-secondary options through a College/Career Readiness Group.

The group consisted of students completing activities to assist in goal setting for their future and gaining advice from outside sources. Guest speakers included Ms. Carla Shaw, Career Specialist from Lee High School, and Ms. Glenda Sorto, College Counselor NOVA. Local college students, including former Crestwood students, presented in a panel format to the sixth grade students in the group in January 2016 sharing that, if they were to return to sixth grade, they would have been more

focused on their academics. In the spring of 2016, students were invited to tour George Mason University to visit a college campus and to learn more about the college admissions process. Prior to this field trip close to 70% of students in the group had never been on a college campus.

As a result of this group, comparing pre and post-test data, there was a 20% increase in students understanding that making good grades helps them to achieve their future goals, and a 13% increase in understanding that the grades made in elementary and middle school affect the classes they can take in high school. Overall students benefited from being a part of the group to help them make connections between the work they are currently doing in school and their future goals. Students shared that the "college visit to George Mason University was a good opportunity and good experience to learn more about how to prepare to go to college."

Students were able to learn about the differences between community, public, and private colleges as well as the college application process. While some may question why to start talking with sixth grade students about options for after high school, 42 % of students in this group shared they rarely or never speak with their parents about attending college. Radford University in a November 2014 article, "Welcome to college, sixth graders" reported that, "Research shows that students who visit college campuses tend to take higher level course in high school and have a high chance of going to college." The idea for this group was taken from the work of the "College in Six" program, a Virginia initiative that encourages sixth to eighth grade staff to take sixth graders to visit college campuses and having meaningful learning and discussions about higher education experiences.

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Fairfax County Revitalization Meeting

Dear Revitalization Stakeholders,

Please plan to attend a G-7 meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, from 11:30 am to 2 pm in the Herrity Building (12055 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 1004).

We will be providing an update on two important revitalization initiatives - a study and recommendations for Building Repositioning and Repurposing in the County; and, an update on an assessment of and recommendations for improving and expanding maintenance in the Commercial Revitalization Districts. There will be time for general discussion and updates from each of the revitalization groups.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am with the presentations to begin at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Shanica Duncan at Shanica.duncan@fairfaxcounty.gov by no later than Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hagg, Deputy Director

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Crestwood Elementary Spirit Night

Springfield's Silver Diner will be hosting Crestwood Spirit Night on Tuesday, November 15th, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

Following the conclusion of this event, the Silver Diner will donate a percentage of their sales to the Crestwood Elementary School's PTA.

This is a great way to get out and show your support for our local community, as well as filling up before you come out to the SCA meeting later in the evening.

For more information, please visit the Silver Diner's [website](#).



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A Word from ECHO

ECHO has instituted a popular tutoring and mentoring program in local middle and elementary schools. More volunteers are needed this year. No special educational qualifications are required- just willingness to spend quality time with children. Mentoring takes place at the school during the student's lunch period. Tutoring times are arranged by the school; after-school tutoring is also available. All volunteers must submit a form for a background check and be fingerprinted to ensure the safety of the children. For more information, contact admin@echo-inc.org.

ECHO is listed among the non-profit agencies eligible for support through the Combined Federal Campaign and the United Way Campaign. Please note that ECHO's CFC number is 74224 and our United Way number is 8426. Donors not affiliated with those campaigns may prefer to give directly by a check made out to ECHO and mailed to 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150. Receipts are gladly supplied. If you would like to know how ECHO uses donations, please see our website at www.echo-inc.org where our audited financial information is posted under "About ECHO."

The "Scouting for Food," project by local Scout troops to collect non-perishable food for the needy is one of the ECHO pantry's most vital resources. Scouts will leave bags at the doors of homes in early November. Residents can put the filled bags on their doorsteps early on Saturday, November 12 for Scouts to pick up. All food collected in Burke and Springfield is donated to ECHO.

ECHO's popular Christmas program that provides gifts for needy families with children under 14 is collecting new, unwrapped toys and games right now. The gifts will be distributed by December 14, so please consider donating during November. Bring donations to ECHO at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm on weekdays, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00.

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Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update



Teacher Appreciation

On Tuesday, October 4th, the Friends held our 4th annual Educators' Night. This year the book choices were absolutely overflowing, thanks especially to the hugely successful Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce children's book drive. The Chamber collected over 2,500 like new books! We hosted teachers and principals from six local schools - Crestwood, Garfield, Franconia, Lynbrook, Springfield Estates, and North Springfield. Just over 100 teachers came to Richard Byrd Library to choose 15 free books for their classroom libraries. That's over 1,500 books available to young readers around Springfield! The teachers were completely thrilled with the event...the most common word used was "Awesome!" Whether a long time veteran teacher or one transitioning to a different grade level, they all found items of interest to enrich their classrooms and engage their students...from board books to weird science facts books, there was something for every reader. Of course none of this would be

possible without our wonderfully generous sponsors - Process Point Consulting, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the National Home Library Foundation, Whole Foods, Macerich, the Woman's Club of Springfield, Springfield Days, and Esther Berg. And thanks also to all our terrific, dedicated volunteers who spent hours and hours sorting and organizing all the books and resources.

Reading Buddies: Does your child need to practice/improve their reading skills? Join the Reading Buddies at the Richard Byrd Library. First through sixth graders read for 30 minutes with an adult volunteer. Reading Buddies sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm during the school year. Sessions begin in October; sign up at the Information Desk.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 1, 1:00-9:00 pm.

Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Used Book Sale.

Great bargains on winter reading and holiday gifts. Sale is 1:00-3:00 for Friends members, open to the public 3:00-9:00 pm. All ages.

Friday, December 2, 10:00 am-6:00 pm.

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Used Book Sale.

Great bargains on winter reading and holiday gifts. All ages.

Sunday, December 4, 12:00-2:00 pm.

Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Bag Sale.

Fill up a bag with books for \$5. We supply the bags. All ages.

Volunteer: Looking for a volunteer opportunity?...come join the Friends of Richard Byrd Library!

Contact us at: rbfriends@gmail.com.

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Shortly after the huge initial success of the Crestwood's Springfield development, Mr. Carr began building across Backlick Rd to the east with his Yates Village neighborhood, followed in 1954 by Monticello Forest to the southwest of Crestwood. Along with the homes came a post office, a shopping center, Garfield School and other conveniences.

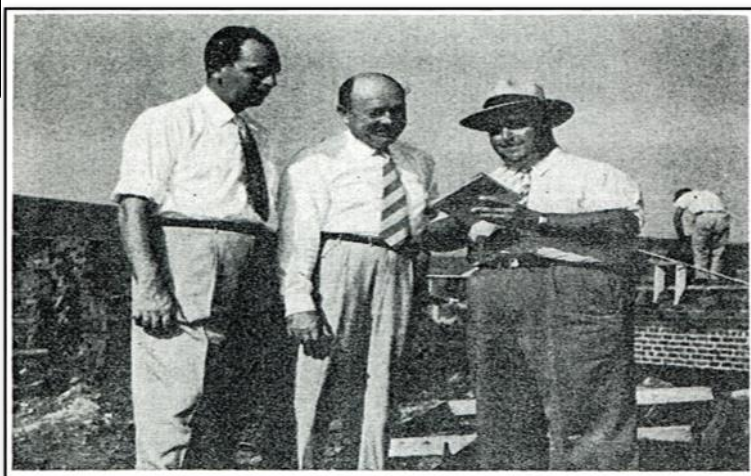
In conclusion, with the 70th anniversary of Mr. Carr's wise purchase and the 65th anniversary of those first Crestwood model homes going into construction, we all can look with pride to the thriving community that was the dream of Edward R. Carr.

Upcoming Anniversaries for Springfield

Did you know that as a Springfield resident, you have two important historic anniversaries coming up in December which have a profound effect on your current life and home being what it is today?

Thanks to a long period of low volume home production and the huge number of people moving into the DC area during and after World War 2, our area was in the midst of an immense housing shortage. Washington area developer Edward R. Carr realized that in order to house the thousands of families moving in, there was a need for a new fully developed "satellite city". As of 1946, "Shirley Highway" (I-95/395) was under construction and well on its way out from the Pentagon, heading past Springfield towards its original terminus at Woodbridge. It was during that year that Mr. Carr learned that one of the last remaining large tracts of land along the new roadway (within commuting distance of DC and could support a "city" as he envisioned one) was for sale. On December 30, 1946, he purchased the initial 2,300 acres of land that Greater Springfield stands on today.

On April 15, 1951, after a five year struggle to get water lines and other utilities out to the, then wilderness, of Springfield, Mr. Carr sold 593 acres of the land to The Crestwood Construction Corp. for them to begin the first fully developed subdivision of this new community. It was during the first week of December 1951 that Crestwood Construction broke ground and began construction of the first thirteen model homes in the block bounded by Backlick Rd, Amherst Ave, Essex Ave & Cumberland Ave. Literally thousands of home-hungry visitors came to visit those model homes during the early part of 1952 and marvel at the comprehensive planning that Mr. Carr had laid out for the area at large. At its height, sales of the Crestwood's Springfield subdivision homes were at a house per day average. Their solid masonry construction, easy to maintain size and nice yard lots held great appeal to those who had suffered living in cramped apartments, basements, attic rooms and even garages during those post war shortage years. The testament to their quality construction is evident in their long and running survival as homes for thousands of families through the years.



Seen here on the site of a new section of Springfield homes in July-August 1952, Crestwood Construction Corporation's Bernard Steinberg (Left) and E. Carl Hengen (Right). Developer Edward R. Carr appears in the middle of the photo taken for a spread in the August 1952 issue of Practical Builder Magazine.

Springfield Residents Going Cross County

In late October the SCA's Mark and Bruce completed their second annual through-ride of the Cross County Trail (CCT) that runs mostly along the Accotink Creek, Pohick Creek and Difficult Run stream valleys. The southern terminus is the Occoquan River (Boat ramp in the Occoquan Regional Park); the northern terminus is the Potomac River along Difficult Run in Great Falls. In all, it's approximately 42 miles of trail.

Pictured below are from left to right, Bruce, Bill, and Mark. By serendipity, we were pleased to make the acquaintance of Bill in the Difficult Run section of the trail. As it turns out Bill was the driving force behind the creation of the CCT years ago. What a delight to meet the person who conceived of a grand recreational adventure for County residents to enjoy walking, biking and even riding horses. Please see Mark's write-up below for Bill's website.

We like to do an annual through ride of the CCT for the physical and navigational challenge and to see the diverse green corridor through Fairfax County. Shortly after the trail was announced I read accounts of through rides and decided to give it a try. It took several years of riding the different trail segments to get a handle on the route of the trail. I met Bruce a few years ago and he mentioned wanting to do a river-to-river through trip. Bruce said that he had done it alone and was game to do it with a partner. This year was our second annual through trip. Despite years of experience we can still manage to get temporarily off course, but generally not for long. This is not a challenge to take lightly. It generally takes 5+ hours of riding to complete the trip!



Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Update

Our thanks to the many people who joined us for the Facilities, Programming, and Park Usage Workshop on October 27th. We're digging through all the great input from that evening and will soon post a summary of the comments to the project webpage. For those who were unable to attend, we will be adding the workshop questions to our webpage so you still have an opportunity to lend your input. If you've shared your email address with us, we'll let you know when the information is posted. Or you can visit the project webpage through the following [link](#).



Please attend the next workshop on December 5, 2016 at Crestwood Elementary School from 7:00pm-8:30pm. This meeting's discussion will focus on the topic of trails in the park.

NEXT MONTH: Celebrate a Lake Accotink Park holiday tradition! Again this year the park will host an afternoon of Holiday Horse Drawn Hayrides and visits with Santa in the pavilion. Registration is required and multiple timeslots for the hayrides are available. To register, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/events.htm> or call 703-222-4664. For more information, contact park staff at 703-569-0285.

A Message From Trails for Youth

It's About the Journey and the Kids

The Olympics had me thinking sports recently. We were so excited to hear of the local Olympians taking home medals - Ginny Thrasher, gold for the 10 meter air rifle event and Matt Miller, rowing (7th and 4th). So are there other future Olympians out there in Springfield? Likely so, and possibly in the unlikely sport of mountain biking. Not a sport that comes to mind when thinking about when the DC metro area. But Lake Accotink and nearby Wakefield Park have long been a hotbed for local mountain bike riding and racing with at least three local mountain bikers turning professional. In the kids division there are four youth Virginia State Mountain Bike Champions that grew up on our local trails and have come from our local teams in the past few years.



EspnW took notice of this and issued a small grant to TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) to encourage and engage more girls to participate the local mountain biking scene and so far it has been a wonderful experience. Local Springfield girls are mentored by older experienced girls to get their first taste of trails, racing and the podium. These efforts and team comradery develop a life-long love for mountain biking and nature.

So, is it working? Are more local youth getting involved? Ask Francisk, age 11 (yes with a K) who started mountain biking this year with TYO. She was feeling down after a hard ride where she fell. She was told by Katherine, age 13, one of the older girls "that's ok we all fall." Francisk's mood immediately bounced back and she asked when the next ride was so she could ride more and train for the local upcoming race series. How did she do? After one race, using a new bike provided by the espnW grant, she exclaimed happily that "I passed that girl!" then later went on to win the series to

get the gold. This may be a far cry from getting an Olympic medal but it certainly put a smile on her face and made her family proud. It also instilled a love of sport and nature in her. Her dedication shows every time she rides her bike. Is this the beginning of the Olympic dream, perhaps?

Francisk is just one of the thousands of children TYO has worked with over the last 15 years in the Springfield area. Through our outdoor nature programs, we instill a love of getting outside and active. We provide opportunities for kids to safely participate in trail bike rides, hikes, camping trips and more. These opportunities are sadly not available to the many youth of our community due to their lack of resources. TYO provides the tools, mentoring and support for these kids to begin a journey leads them on their personal trail of empowerment and better health. Can you help us? We are a small Springfield non-profit and we will continue to strive and work for the kids to have these opportunities, but we need your help. Your donation will directly support the youth programs. Our passenger van is getting old and needs to be replaced. Our equipment needs continued care and upgrades to keep the kids rolling. Our jobs training program for local teens needs to be funded. We will do all that we can, if you can give to help. Together we can we create a path for the next local proud athletes, and healthy kids that enjoy being active outdoors. Will you help? Please consider www.trailsforyouth.org for your year-end giving.

To easily support our local youth programs and help us empower the next generation of kids, please consider a donation via our GoFundMe page here: <https://www.gofundme.com/trailsforyouth-org>.

If you have a child in the Springfield area age 10 -16 who is interested in joining our mountain biking program, please contact Julie Childers at Julie@trailsforyouth.org. For more information about TYO please visit our website and follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.



Please help us create meaningful, healthy journeys for the youth of Springfield, together we can teach kids to overcome obstacles on the trails and in life!

Congrats to Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association

Lee District Supervisor Jeff Mc Kay and Sharon Bulova cosponsored a resolution to honor the 40th anniversary of Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association (FCMGA). Gail Nittle, president of the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association accepted the honor at the Government Center on November 1st.

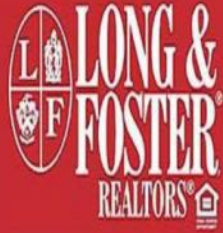
The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose volunteers provide research-based horticultural information, tips, techniques and advice to home gardeners in Fairfax County.

For more information, please visit: www.fairfaxgardening.org

Gail is also our SCA's 1st VP.



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dedicated to:**

- Encouraging residents to be active in community affairs
- Promoting civic responsibility through education and advocacy
- Effectively interacting with local government and community organizations
- Enhancing the quality of life in Springfield.

**We are the hub that links residents and organizations, enhances
communications, and embraces diversity to create a vibrant
Springfield community.**

Join SCA

Annual dues of \$15 cover all adults in a household. Membership is open to all residents and non-resident property owners in the boundaries. Mail this form with your check to PO Box 842, Springfield, VA 22150 or bring it with you to the membership meeting, or visit www.springfieldcivic.org to join or renew online.

- ☐ Join SCA ☐ Renew my membership ☐ Add or change contact information
☐ Add me to the email list, I will join later (**email list is FREE**)

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By providing your email address, you agree to receive the newsletter and monthly updates by email.