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Springfield
Civic Association
Where we all come together

President's Message—Bruce Waggoner

To All Greetings:

May 16th marks the end of another Springfield Civic Association (SCA) season, now over 64 years in operation advocating for a better Springfield. The SCA Board is proud to extend the tradition begun in February of 1953 (source: Robyn Carter; Crestwood Historian). In keeping that faith we will host the Principals of Crestwood and Lynbrook Elementary Schools at our May meeting. Mr. Tim Kasik and Mr. Jay Nocco will update membership on progress over last year's assessment. In addition, Lee High School Principal Deirdre Lavery is also expected to attend and brief the Body on Lancer progress. Our schools are fundamental to the vitality, spirit, and home values of any community; come out and engage with Fairfax County Public School Educators.

In support of our schools the SCA will celebrate Grand Involve's 2017 Governor's Community Organization Award presented to the organization on 20 April at the Executive Mansion in Richmond. We will learn about their accomplishments and plans for the future. Our community's business support via purchase of ads in SCA's newsletter has enabled us to help sponsor GrandInvolve's development, and we're proud and grateful they've chosen SCA as a means of supporting our community. Please remember to patronize them and thank them for it.

Also, the SCA's 2017-18 Board of Directors will be elected on the 16th. We'll be asking for nominees for each position, especially

that of Secretary as Debbie Mays would like to step down. Please consider stepping up to help keep SCA functioning full-force.

I'm happy to report the hearsay that LIDL has purchased the property at the corner of Commerce and Brandon (formerly Saford Dodge). It's not official yet, but we hope to read the news very soon. LIDL is a high-end? German-owned grocer in direct competition with ALDI. I find this very encouraging, although some would say we have enough grocery stores. My view is that new competitors investing here reflect confidence in the future of Springfield. Supervisor McKay has seen the plans and told membership in March that the design is impressive. If their plans go through, its construction will replace a current community eyesore and likely spur additional positive interest and investment in central Springfield. As for the FBI, my energy waiting for the GSA's decision is spent. If Springfield is chosen for the FBI's relocation, good for us, but it's not the only way forward. LIDL's interest is proof of that.

On behalf of the SCA Board, I wish you all a beautiful spring season and a glorious summer time.

Sincerely,
Bruce Waggoner
President, SCA

Reminder for Dues

The SCA would like to remind its members that dues for the 2017-2018 year were due in September. You can still pay your dues either by cash or check at our next meeting on May 16th, 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.

May Meeting
Tuesday May 16th
Crestwood ES

Social time starts at 7
Meeting begins at
7:30 sharp

Program:
Briefing from
Crestwood and Lynbrook's Elementary School Principals

Springfield 5k Run/ Walk

Are you a runner? Or do you enjoy walking for a cause? If so, then sign up for the Springfield 5k Run/Walk.

This is a great community event for all paces and abilities. All participants will receive a race t-shirt (cotton or blend), a race bib with sensor timing, a race "swag" bag with giveaways and coupons, the race itself, and great post-race refreshments. Pictures of you finishing are available for free downloading as well!

There will be lots of amenities, including live music, a free 100 yard kids run, a post-race expo, and more. Additionally, the Edison High School location lets us offer a great HQ environment with a track start and finish.

When is the Run?: The run will be held on Saturday morning, June 3rd, at Edison High School. Race begins at 9:00am

Is there Registration?: The Springfield 5k offers [online](#) registration only. There is no race day registration.

Registration Fees are:

Now through May 30th:

- \$35- 5k Run/Walk with Chip Timing (adults)
- \$20- 5k Run/Walk with Chip Timing (5-12 year)

May 31st– June 2nd, 5:00pm

- \$40- 5k Run/Walk with Chip Timing (adults)
- \$25- 5k Run/Walk with Chip Timing (5-12 year)

What if I want to Sponsor the event?: The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Metro Run/Walk to make this event great for local businesses and civic organizations by offering race sponsorship opportunities. Your participation helps to maintain a quality event and ensures meaningful proceeds for benefiting nonprofits. Levels start at \$200 and all sponsors get access to the runner bag for info/marketing materials.

100% of all sponsorships and directed runner donations go to a handful of nonprofits that provide recreation and fitness programs for local youth who are underserved.

For more information, contact Mark Russell, Race Director, at MetroRunWalk.Mark@gmail.com

SCA Board Elections

Have you ever thought about running for office? Are you interested in getting more involved with your community?

The Springfield Civic Association is holding elections for officers at our May membership meeting and now is the time to let us know if you're interested in running for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Member at Large.

Why Run: Serving on the SCA board is an exciting opportunity to really get involved with your community. Board members are able to help shape and move the direction of our local community, conduct community event planning, help support other community organizations succeed in their missions, advocate with local government on behalf of our residents, and to help in bringing our community together.

What to expect: Responsibilities and time requirements for board members can vary by the position. In the least, board members can expect monthly board meetings (typically 2 hour meetings) and assisting with scheduled SCA meetings. Additional responsibilities can vary in time requirements. For the most part, schedules are flexible. Elected board members are expected to hold their position for 1 year, at which time they can step aside, take on another position, or be re-elected—whichever their choosing.

Contact the SCA at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com if you're interested in becoming a board member no later than May 12th.

(Candidates must live within the boundaries of the Springfield Civic Association. There is no tenure requirement to run for the board.)

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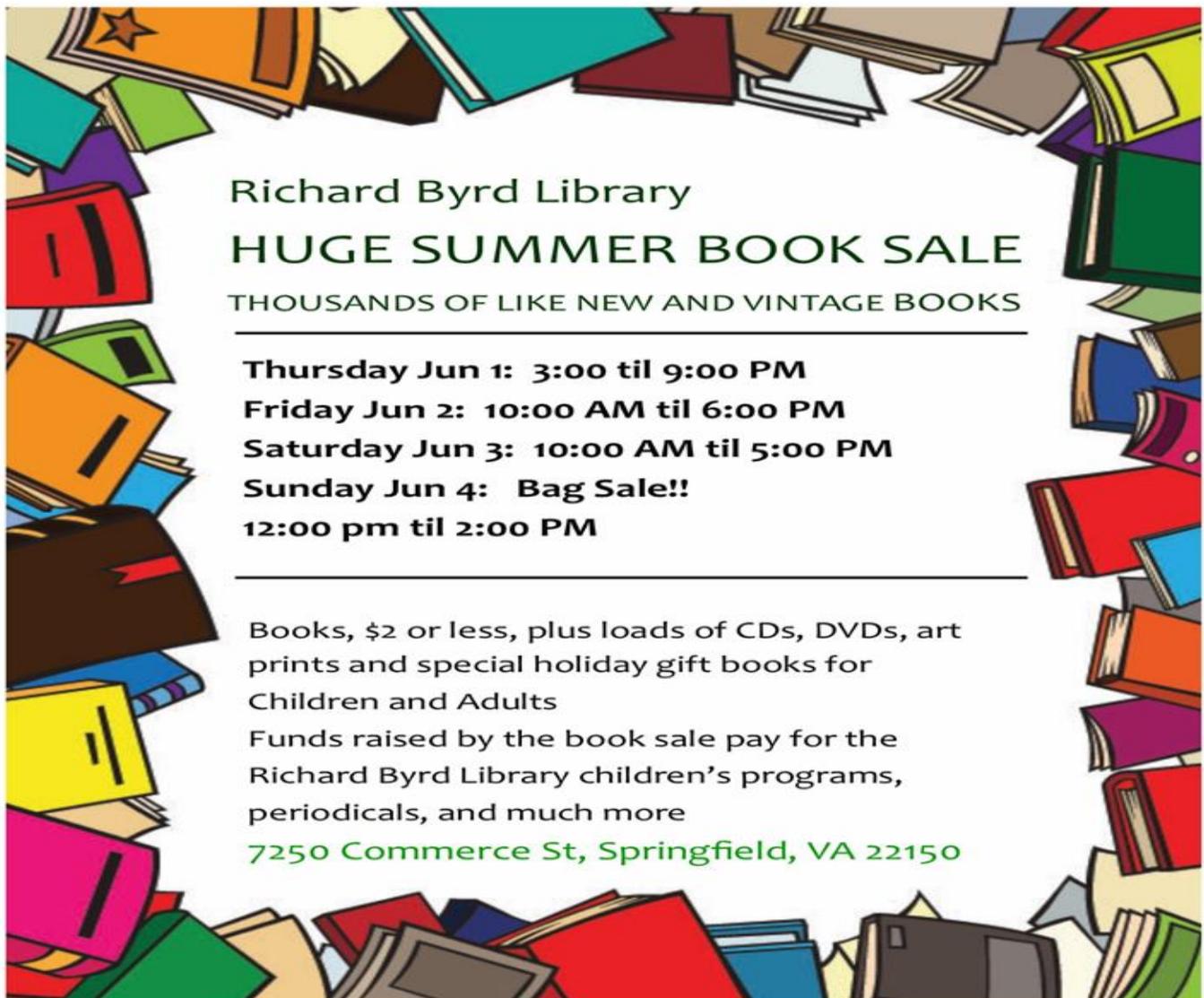
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Summer Safety Tip

The weather is warming up and spring is in full bloom. With the nice weather residents are likely to be outside enjoying recreational activities. Wires and cables protruding from a utility pole pose hazards for children and can make yard maintenance difficult.

As you are out and about, if you notice electrical wiring that looks loose, frayed, or disconnected from an utility pole please report it to Fairfax County CPRD at (703) 324-5902 or wwwcprd@fairfaxcounty.gov.

When reporting, please provide nearest house address to pole and a description of problem.



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GrandInvolve Wins Governor's Award

Members of GrandInvolve were surprised at a ceremony at the Executive Mansion in Richmond, VA on Thursday, April 20 when they were presented with the award. GrandInvolve is a volunteer group that brings older adults into Fairfax County Title I Elementary Schools to assist in classrooms, and is one of Fairfax County's 50+ Initiatives. GrandInvolve is honored to receive this prestigious and competitive award. The Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards are presented by the Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism and VDSS' Office on Volunteerism and Community Service on behalf of the Office of the Governor. These awards have recognized exceptional volunteer service in Virginia for more than 20 years.

GrandInvolve volunteers offer their skills and talents to work directly with students. Their presence in the schools serves to connect the community and local schools, creating lasting and meaningful relationships between generations and cultures, and allowing people of all ages to share their talents and resources while supporting each other in relationships that benefit both the individual and the community. Gail Harris, Director, Office on Volunteerism and Community Services, Virginia Department of Social Services, had the following remarks after the award presentation.

"GrandInvolve is an outstanding example of a two-generation approach that is yielding measurable results. By sharing their time and experiences, the 100 seniors who volunteer in the program are making a huge impact on the children of Fairfax County both socially and academically. The senior citizens, in turn, get the joy of seeing a future generation build skills and relationships that will help them for years to come. Congratulations to GrandInvolve on your well-deserved recognition."

A partnership with Greenspring Village, a senior housing community in Springfield VA, brings many volunteers to the program. Kathryn Knoble, the Volunteer Coordinator at Greenspring Village, explained, "the partnership with Grand Involve not only has provided an opportunity for our residents to volunteer at a local elementary school, Crestwood Elementary, but also provides our residents with many other community connections that have become a great benefit to them and to Greenspring. The residents from Greenspring who participate in this volunteer project, absolutely love the children and this weekly interaction with Crestwood students has become a highlight of their week." The GrandInvolve Program facilitates intergenerational and intercultural activities, strengthening the bonds of the oldest and youngest community members, and supporting the education of our most vulnerable populations.

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What a great way to introduce young people to coding... it's easy and fun! Learn to use SCRATCH, the MIT software and Harvard School of Education curriculum.

Bring your own laptop if you can but there will be a limited number available to borrow. Parents learn too while helping their child.

Sign up at the library website.



Library Volunteer Opportunities

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

Contact us at: rbfriends@gmail.com.

Check out Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FriendsofRichardByrdLibrary

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A Message from CAC

The next meeting of the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) will be on Wednesday, May 17th. Start time is changing to 7:00 pm. Our presenter will be 2nd Lt Tim Forrester (he's usually at our meetings) on the topic of Use of Force.

The CAC picnic (and last meeting until September) will be on June 21st. This is one way the CAC supports the police at the Franconia Station. Specifics to follow.



The Franconia Station CAC usually meets every third Wednesday of the month in the Helen Wilson Community Room, located at the Lee District Government Center/ Franconia District Police Station (6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310).

All are welcome. NO membership or R.S.V.P. required.

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Welcome to Lee District Nights! This series of free public concerts features a wide variety of musical acts from jazz to big band, classic to bluegrass, and swing to folk and vintage rock 'n roll. We encourage you to enjoy an al fresco musical evening with family and friends. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and sit back and enjoy the show. If you would like to volunteer, call my office at 703-971-6262. I look forward to sharing a wonderful summer of music with you.

Jeffrey C. McKay, Lee District Supervisor



Dead 27s



Ryan Shupe & the Rubber Bands

JUNE

28 City of Fairfax 'Main Street Community Band' (Concert Band)

JULY

- 5 Thrillbillys (Roots Music)
- 12 Four Star Combo (Rockabilly/HonkyTonk)
- 19 Dead 27s (Rock&Roll/Classic Soul)
- 26 The Nighthawks (Blues)

AUGUST

- 2 Washington Balalaika Orchestra (Russian)
- 9 Mariachi Los Amigos (Mariachi)
- 16 Ryan Shupe & the Rubber Bands (Country/Rock)
- 23 The Annandale Brass (American Popular Music)



Mariachi Los Amigos



Lee District Nights is presented in partnership with the Friends of Lee District Park and generous support from the following sponsors.



The summer concert series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects



Concerts are canceled due to inclement weather.
Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the start of the show for updates.
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance



ECHO News and Events

Help your local letter carrier **Stamp Out Hunger Saturday, May 13** by filling a bag within non-perishable food or personal care items (in unbreakable containers) and placing it by your mailbox for letter carriers in Burke and Springfield to deliver to ECHO. This is the 25th year local letter carriers will be collecting food for families in need! This food drive helps ECHO keep our shelves full during the summer months when need persists but donations usually drop.

Currently, **ECHO's greatest needs** are for 2# bags of rice or dried beans, boxed pasta, 6 oz. tomato paste, 8 oz. tomato sauce, shaving cream, deodorant, plastic bandages, toilet tissue as well as over-the-counter cold and pain medicines. ECHO's Housewares Department is always trying to fill requests for large pots and pans, and queen sized bedding, but there is now also a need for toasters and irons that are in good working order. The Clothing Department is hoping for donations of size 6 diapers and children's sneakers in larger sizes (13 -6).

Just as everyone is getting ready for the end of the school year, ECHO is getting ready for **Back-to-School!** In June, ECHO volunteers begin packing new backpacks with school supplies so that the distribution to families with children in grades K-12 can begin in August. See the complete list of needs on ECHO's website: www.echo-inc.org under the tab, "Donate", or click the link below. We especially need new backpacks, 1-1/2" and 2" binders, spiral notebooks, markers, crayons (24/box) #2 pencils, ball point pens, and 4 oz school glue. ECHO, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, is open to receive donations on weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00.

Congregational Food Drives:

- May - Sydenstricker United Methodist
- June - St. Mark's Lutheran and Westwood Baptist

Upcoming Dates to Note:

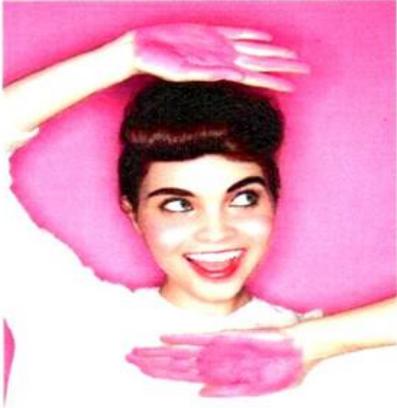
- May 6 - Saturday opening
- May 13 - Letter Carriers Food Drive (put a bag of non-perishable food by your mailbox)
- May 15 - Board of Directors meet, First Baptist Church, Springfield, 7:30
- May 29 - Closed for Memorial Day
- June 3 - Saturday opening

For more information about ECHO on the following topics, please click the links to our website:



- [List of School Supplies ECHO Collects](#)
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Crestwood Stitchery Club

The Crestwood Stitchery Club finished its 7-week Spring session just before spring break. Between 40-50 students came to the cafeteria each Wednesday after school to learn and practice new knitting stitches.

The students were in four different groups based on ability and experience and they worked on projects ranging from wrist bands to stuffed owls to scarves.

One week we were treated to a demonstration of spinning raw wool on a spinning wheel into yarn by Sharon Hanger and Michele Duell from the Crestwood neighborhood.



We also had a visit at our last meeting from the Key Middle School after-school knitting club sponsor, Megan McKnight, who encouraged the 6th graders to continue knitting in middle school!



We are deeply grateful to our volunteer knitting instructors, Hetty Azimi, Marcy Stennes, and Barbara Neel.

We'll meet again next fall, but we have two before-school meetings for anyone to get help with their projects on Friday, May 5th and Friday, June 2nd. Keep knitting!



Survey on Springfield's Image

What makes Springfield a great place to live, work, and shop?

The Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization would like to know what you –the members of the Springfield Civic Association–think.

We will be developing a new logo and signage for the Central Springfield Business Area, with graphics, and possibly a tagline, for gateway signs in the future.

To showcase the best qualities of Springfield, now and in the future, we'd like members to complete a quick 1-minute survey, by visiting:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZTVJ62M>

Take the 1 Minute Survey on Springfield's Image!

Grace Presbyterian Summer Camp

Grace Presbyterian Church is offering a summer camp the week of July 24 from 9:00-3:00. The camp is for children who are entering grades 1-6.

You can find more information, and register [here](#). Or contact Pastor Susan Wiseman at [su-san@gracepresby.org](mailto:susan@gracepresby.org), or 703-451-2900, #3.

Looking for a way to help those who are homeless? On the last Saturday of the month, Grace Presbyterian church packs backpacks with hygiene items, and other necessities, and makes bag lunches to distribute locally and in DC.

All are welcome to participate! Upcoming Help the Homeless dates are May 27, June 24, and July 29. Packing begins at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.

Every summer we have a family-friendly block party! Watch for more information. You can check our website (gracepresby.org) or our Facebook page to see all that's going on!



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RENEW IN SEPTEMBER***



The Springfield Civic Association is a volunteer organization 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.

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