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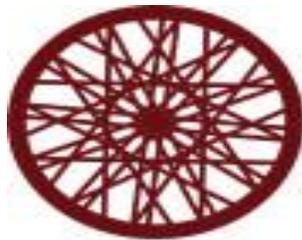
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Springfield Civic Association

Where we all come together

President's Message—Bruce Waggoner

The Springfield Civic Association (SCA) welcomes you as we enter a new era, a Springfield Renaissance, if you will. In August, the General Services Administration announced that the new headquarters for the [Transportation Security Administration](#) (TSA) will be built in Springfield. This Federal investment should expedite the second phase development of the Springfield Town Center, and generate more capital investment for new businesses, e.g., restaurants, grocery stores, office space, et al. The TSA will, along with the National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) and Fort Belvoir, make Springfield a Federal powerhouse for employment, business investment, and prospects for prosperity. Additionally, construction has begun on the [St. James Sports & Wellness Complex](#) at 6801 Industrial Road in Springfield, one of the largest such complexes in the entire Nation.

ALDI is expanding and renovating their store in the Concord Plaza (old Fischer Hardware site) and their competitor, LIDL, has plans to raze the former Safford Dodge eyesore on Commerce Street and build a sparkling new store in 2018. The three landmark construction projects, plus the grocery store projects, will not be without their respective and combined challenges, primarily traffic flow in and out of Springfield. However, if we work in concert with County agencies the SCA can help shape the outcome by promoting our interests in the engagement and partnering with Business, Government and non-Government agencies alike. In short, the SCA must remain actively involved in Springfield's future. We intend to be players and not spectators. Indeed, the trend line looks

positive for Springfield.

SCA's tradition of community activism and grass roots engagement dates back to its inception in 1953; it is alive, well, and future focused. In this spirit, two of our members have been duly recognized as first Citizens of Fairfax County for 2017-18: Diane Boughton is Lee District's "Les Dorsen Award" winner, and Michele Duell is Lady Fairfax for Lee District. Such Fairfax County recognition stems from years of persistent and dedicated effort by Diane and Michele yielding positive and lasting results for the greater Community. That spirit is catching in Springfield. There is something for everyone; your talents and contributions will only make us a more vibrant community. Join us and continue the SCA tradition of shaping Springfield's future!

Our meeting on September 19th will feature an update from Fairfax County Police Department Detectives on drug and gang activity in Fairfax County with a focus on Lee District. Our meetings are held at Crestwood Elementary School on Hanover Avenue. The social starts at 7:00pm, business begins promptly at 7:30pm and ends by 9:00pm.

Thank you for browsing our newsletter and please consider patronizing our sponsors; join us on Facebook. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Bruce Waggoner
SCA President

Reminder for Dues

The SCA would like to remind its members that dues for the 2017-2018 are due by the end of September. You can pay your dues either by cash or check at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, 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 programs.

Supervisor McKay's Message

As you may have heard, Springfield was recently announced as the site of a future major Transportation Security Administration (TSA) facility. Their move into our area is a sure sign of our revitalization efforts succeeding, and an indicator of the strong future of the Springfield area. Both Springfield and the TSA stand to benefit a great deal from the move, no small feat. In fact, I have been working with the TSA for years hoping this day would come. TSA employees will be making use of our smart transit infrastructure and revitalized downtown, while Springfield benefits from the nearly 4000 jobs being brought to the area.

The TSA has forecast that many of their employees will be commuting from areas in Virginia that are south of Springfield. This means that employees will be ending their commutes in Springfield, freeing up space on the interstate and inside the Beltway for the rest of us. Moving jobs closer to where people live is vital to reducing congestion. Additionally, with Metro and VRE next to the site, folks who live as far away as Spotsylvania can ride VRE straight to work.

On top of the added jobs, I am very pleased to note that unlike the cancelled FBI move, the property occupied by the TSA will be taxable by the County. As Chairman of the Budget Committee for the Board of Supervisors, I am always on the lookout for ways the County can increase funding for critical programming without raising taxes on residents.

The move is a clear-cut success for Springfield, Lee District and Fairfax County, as well as the TSA. By taking advantage of Springfield's many benefits, the TSA is signaling how attractive our area is to other federal agencies and ensuring we will continue our strong relationship with the federal government into the future.

School Zone Hazards!

Before the school year began, the SCA requested and received state assistance to eliminate two utility pole hazards in the Lynbrook Elementary School zone on Backlick Rd. The Virginia State Corporation Commission demanded immediate action of the utility and telecommunication companies involved. The pole pictured had stood splintered for over one year. Another pole had multiple loose wires within reach of a child. Both hazards were successfully cleaned up within 72 hours. State Delegate Vivian Watts will be working to hold the utility companies accountable for hazards on the poles that they own. Senator Saslaw's office will be pushing for inspections.

If you see a utility pole hazard to children or your property you can report it to FairfaxCounty CPRD (703) 324-5902 or wwwcprd@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Keep our community safe and blight free!



Springfield Garden Club

Come and learn about gardening!

Springfield Acres Garden Club has been meeting since 1955. We're a local non-profit organization whose dynamic members promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility throughout our community.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 26th and our speaker will be Master Gardener Anne Alexander, giving a presentation on Shade Gardening. We invite you to come and join us on the 26th! If you have questions, please contact Gail Nittle at gnittle@gmail.com

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Lord and Lady Fairfax Awardees

Two individuals from each of the nine Fairfax County magisterial districts, as well as two from the at-large domain of Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova are honored for their service to their communities, or particular acts of heroism, each year since 1984. These members of our community are named Lord and Lady Fairfax for the year.

For Lee District, Lord Fairfax went to Richard Knapp. Richard is a dedicated citizen of Fairfax County, working to reinvigorate and preserve Fairfax's past while also bettering the future of the Route 1 Corridor. This is demonstrated by his work on the Old Mount Vernon High School Reutilization Task Force and its Steering Committee, helping bring a landmark back to life. His co-chairmanship of the Embark Advisory Group has revealed a guiding hand in easing transit in Lee District, and his continued work with the Pinewood Lake HOA and as the Lee representative on the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation shows dedication to his neighbors.

Michele Duell was crowned Lady Fairfax for Lee District. Michele's commitment to improving the standard of living for the residents of Lee District is hard to match. Her service with the Friends of Richard Byrd Library saw the creation of Educators' Night, a program that helps teachers get free books, while her dedication to pedestrian safety led to the installation of Fairfax County's first HAWK Signal. Her work with the Springfield Civic Association helped give a voice to residents and their needs within local government, and her active support of her FCPS neighborhood elementary schools contributed to student enrichment initiatives.



Lee District Lord & Lady Fairfax, Richard Knapp and Michele Duell, with Supervisor Jeff McKay. Photo courtesy of Connection Newspaper.

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/jun/19/county-honors-lord-lady->

The 2017 awardees were honored at a reception at the County Government Center on June 6th. Following the gathering, the new Lords and Ladies were escorted into the board auditorium where they received a certificate and their accomplishments were publicly acknowledged.

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A Message from CAC

The next meeting of the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) will be on Wednesday, September 20th. Start time is changing to 7:00 pm. Our presenter will be someone from the new DUI group

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.

Richard Byrd Library

After a very busy summer, the library is gearing up for the new school year with a variety of returning and special events. Here are a few highlights:

September:

- Learning English with Computers and Smartphones*. Adults. Weekly, begins Tuesday, September 12, 1:30-3:30 pm. R.
- Coder Dojo: Teaching Kids to Code*. Age 7-17. Monthly, begins Saturday, September 16, 1:00-3:00 pm. R.
- Train Display by National Capital Trackers*. All ages. Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 23, all day.
- GIVE Free Tutoring*. Tutoring in all academic subjects by GIVE (Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education). K-6th grade. Weekly. Begins Saturday, September 30, 2:30-4:30 pm.
- Library e-book Help*. Bring your device, library card and device passwords. Alternate Saturdays beginning September 2.

October:

- Reading Buddies*. Children in grades 1-6 practice reading with a volunteer. Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons beginning Tuesday, October 3. Call a week in advance for an appointment. R.
- Spotlight Series: Heritage Quest*. Virginia Room librarians present Heritage Quest, an online resource that is a treasure of genealogical information. Adults. Thursday, October 5, 7:00 pm.
- Meet Andrea Pitzer*, author of *One Long Night: A Global History of Concentration Camps*. Books available for sale and signing. Cosponsored by Fall for the Book and the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library. Adults. Thursday, October 12, 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Children's Book Sale*. Tuesday, October 17, 6:00-9:00 pm.
- Reducing Stress through Meditation*. Adults. Thursday, October 26, 7:00-8:30 pm.

If you have a young child, don't forget our storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers - including a sensory storytime and a bedtime storytime. R.

To check dates, times and ages for all events, go to the Library's website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library

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Grand Involve Expanding to Lynbrook Elementary School

GrandInvolve Program Expands to Lynbrook Elementary School this year!

After three years of success supplying volunteers to Crestwood Elementary, GrandInvolve is expanding our services to Lynbrook Elementary School this Fall. Are you looking for a rewarding experience that benefits Fairfax County students, teachers and families??? We need you!

GrandInvolve is recruiting older adults as volunteers who would like to become mentors, reading helpers, math helpers and classroom assistants. No experience required. We need just a few hours of your time to make a difference to a student, teacher or family in our community.

This fall we are targeting Title 1 elementary schools in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts of Fairfax County, but we also have existing programs in several schools scattered around the County.

Hours are flexible and opportunities await. Interested? Contact info@GrandInvolve.org

Website www.grandinvolve.org

GRANDINVOLVE....Making a Difference -One Child at a Time!



Congratulations GrandInvolve!

Members of GrandInvolve were surprised at a ceremony at the Executive Mansion in Richmond, VA on Thursday, April 20 when they were presented with an 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 was 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.



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Mary Stennes represented GrandInvolve at SCA's May meeting where SCA President Bruce Waggoner and Michele Duell congratulated GrandInvolve for receiving this honor.



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Greater Springfield Business & Economic Summit

At the Greater Springfield Business & Economic Summit the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will gather community and business leaders together to discuss the state of business in, and how the community can unleash the future economic power of, southeast Fairfax County's business sector.

The Summit will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Metro Park Conference Center. Tickets to the Summit are \$25, available for purchase through the Chamber website, springfieldchamber.org.

Dr. Gerald L. Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, will provide opening remarks and update attendees on the economic landscape of the Greater Springfield area and Fairfax County in general.

Dr. Terry L. Clower, professor of public policy at George Mason University and director of GMU's Center for Regional Analysis, will be the Summit's lunch speaker.

Who should attend?

- community leaders
- business owners
- commercial property owners
- elected officials
- and anyone interested in the future of Greater Springfield

The Summit will address current trends and challenges facing both business and government leaders. Summit attendees will discuss how these groups, along with the broader community, can come together to ensure the Greater Springfield area remains competitive in attracting and retaining business.

The Summit will provide an opportunity for attendees to not only discuss current trends and challenges but also address any changes being considered for the future.



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National Night Out

On August 1st, the Lee District participated in the annual National Night Out (NNO). NNO is an annual neighborhood-based crime and drug prevention event that gives an opportunity to neighborhood spirit and strengthen partnerships with the local police departments. It is observed in thousands of communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. This year was a successful year for the Lee District! Check out the photos below that were taken during NNO.



Diane Boughton Receives an Award from LADACO

SCA's own Diane Boughton received the Les Dorsen Award from LADACO. Les Dorsen was an active community activist in Fairfax County. LDACO is the umbrella organization for all the civic and homeowners associations in Lee District, Fairfax County, Virginia. It serves as a local forum for the Lee District section of Fairfax Country, just as the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations represents the civic associations of the entire county.

In nominating Diane for this award, former SCA President, Al McAloon, wrote:

“Diane Boughton, a twenty year plus member of the Springfield Civic Association, is a “Pioneer Woman” for active involved, and responsible citizenship. She is the type of person who Mr. Jefferson stipulated as being necessary for democracy to flourish - or survive.

Ten years ago, Diane initiated a program of identifying utility box and power line poles which were either safety hazards or were eyesores in the community, often both. During this time frame, she identified, photographed and reported to the cognizant authority over 300 poles and utility boxes. Good citizen that she is, she does not terminate her involvement with the filing of an initial report: she follows through with the responsible agency until the problem has been corrected. Or else!

That her scope of civic responsibility extends beyond her backyard and civic association boundaries is evidenced by her reporting of such discrepancies throughout Fairfax County.

Diane does not limit her civic engagement to just utility boxes and light poles. Before the County recognized that the McMansions of the mid-nineties constituted health and safety issues, to say nothing of their being boarding houses, she was pressing the county bureaucracy and the Lee District Supervisor (successfully) to address the issue. Moreover, potholes and graffiti know their days are numbered if Diane passes by.

Diane frequently attends meetings so that she can be up-to-date on what is being proposed for her community, to pose relevant and probing questions, to meet the staffers who will be implementing the various projects and to promote staff consciousness of community concerns. She frequently volunteers for community events. Shch as Springfield Days, and has been instrumental in the distribution of the bi-lingual flyers and pamphlets on the topics of Miss Utility awareness, Health Department information and Human Services coordination.

As did Les Dorsen, Diane Boughton looks to solve problems, not just gripe about them.”

SCA thanks Diane for all she does for our community. Job well done!



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There's plenty of fun to be had at Lake Accotink Park this Fall. The miniature golf course, boating, and bike rentals are open on weekends and Columbus Day. Hours for the miniature golf course are 12 to 7 pm. Boat rentals are from 12 to 6 pm. The carousel is closed for maintenance and is expected to resume operation in May 2018.

Park Events Calendar

For details and to register for programs, call Lake Accotink Park at 703-569-0285 or go online to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/events.htm>. Space for most programs is limited, so register early!

- 9/16 Fall Watershed Clean-up, 9 - 11:30 am
- 9/30 and 10/7 Kayak the Marsh, 7:30 - 9:30 am
- 9/30 Accotink Creek Wagon Ride, 6 - 7 pm
- 10/1 Canine Cruise, 6 - 7 pm
for well-mannered family dogs and humans
- 10/20 and 11/17 Fall Campfire, 7 - 8:30 pm *(includes S'Mores!)*
- 10/21 Howl-o-Ween Costume Contest for Dogs, 3 - 5 pm *(Prizes awarded!)*
- 10/21 Fall Fest, 4 - 8 pm
Halloween-themed mini-golf, wagon rides and goodies
- 10/27 Creepy Crawly Wagon Ride, 6 - 7:30 pm *(includes s'mores and stories)*
- 12/9 Holiday Horse-Drawn Hayrides, 12 - 3 pm
Real horses with bells and ribbons; Santa at the Pavilion on the hill
- 12/9 Pet Visits with Santa, 3 - 4 pm

We hope to see you in the park! Staff are always happy to see you, so call or stop by anytime.

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- Encouraging residents to be active in community affairs
- Promoting civic responsibility through education and advocacy
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