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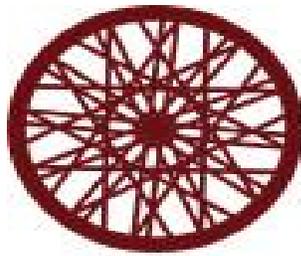
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Where we all come together

President's Message—Bruce Waggoner

Greetings to All,

The "Cyclone Bomb" blew into town and left its calling cards all round. Daylight Saving Time has arrived. Easter, spring break, cherry blossoms and tourists are near at hand. With April's start, the Virginia Department of Transportation will roll into town and commence paving and striping our streets, infrastructure improvements long overdue. To learn more, please see **page 2** of this newsletter. Via the links you can also share concerns and provide feedback to VDOT and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT). Within the website we should be able to

discern what streets will be paved on any given day considering weather delays, etc. The effort will last many weeks, but the result will provide a much needed road-refresh for our Community. We deserve it.

On Tuesday, March 20th, the Springfield Civic Association (SCA) will host the principals from Crestwood and Lynbrook Elementary Schools, along with Lee High School. We hope you can attend to hear the latest news and achievements in our school pyramid.

Vr/Bruce Waggoner
SCA/President

Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Organized by Fairfax County Department of Family Services, the NVACASH Coalition helps families avoid the fees businesses charge to prepare and file taxes. With the help of dedicated and trained volunteers, low-income families throughout Northern Virginia received over \$10.7 million in refunds last tax season. Join your neighbors and save your dollars. For those in the Springfield area, the nearest location to get free tax assistance is the Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St, Springfield, VA 22150 on Saturdays, 9:00am-1:00pm.

BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

1. Photo ID for you and your spouse if filing jointly.
2. Social Security cards or Tax Payer IID Number (ITIN) for everyone in the family.
3. All income statements: W-2, W-P, W-2G & 1099, etc.
4. All income statements for each working dependent: W-2, etc.
5. Voided check for direct deposit.
6. Expense documents: dependent care, education-related expenses, home mortgage interest payments.
7. Proof of health insurance coverage, i.e. form 1095A, insurance card, Medicare or Medicaid card.

March Meeting
Tuesday, March 20th
Crestwood ES

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

Program:
Local Schools Update
Lake Accotink News

Lee District Paving and Restriping—April 2018

2018 Paving and Restriping of Crestwood and Lynbrook Neighborhood Streets Will Commence in April.

Community members are invited to give feedback on general traffic safety concerns regarding roads scheduled for paving, and the proposed striping changes by submitting comments online via the comment form on the paving and restriping program page. Comments will be accepted through March 23, 2018.

For more information on the 2018 Paving and Restriping Program, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8t5v9ne>

The Lee District information page includes maps, sample photos, the proposed list of roads being considered for paving and link to a comment submission form. Go to:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/y7wbdd56>

In addition to repaving, there is information on the web about proposed bike lanes, and/or sharrows in our community and the central business district:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/y7lw7enf>

Chamber of Commerce



Fairfax County first responders will be honored at the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards Breakfast Friday, May 4, 2018 at Springfield Golf & Country Club. Fairfax County Fire Chief Richard Bowers, Jr. will serve as guest speaker.

This annual event recognizes Fairfax County police, fire and sheriff deputies in the Greater Springfield area who selflessly serve and protect our community.

Honoree nominations are requested from the community. If you or your community group has been assisted by a local first responder the Chamber wants to hear from you. The nomination form is available online at springfieldchamber.org/annual-awards. Nominations are due by noon on April 20.

Tickets to the breakfast are \$40. Visit the Chamber website to reserve your seat at springfieldchamber.org. An early-bird discount is available on tickets purchased by April 13.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To be recognized as a supporter of our community's first responders, contact the Chamber office, 703-866-3500.



Future of Lake Accotink

A few years ago, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) began a revision of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan. It addresses the future vision of the park and the lake. The Master Plan revision specifically deals with the growing problem of sediment in the lake from increased rainwater runoff caused by urban development in Fairfax County. The rate of sedimentation in Lake Accotink has increased dramatically. Current estimates indicate the lake will disappear by 2025 if nothing is done. FCPA proposed six (6) lake management options for the future of Lake Accotink. Details can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink>.



The issues surrounding the lake management are complex and the options under consideration are wide-ranging in terms of costs and the future character of Lake Accotink. Below is a snapshot of each option.

Do Nothing: The lake fills with silt and disappears in 7 years. Cost is \$13K annually to maintain the dam.

Status Quo: Preserves the lake much as it is now and calls for continued dredging as has been done in the past. Dredging will be repeated every fifteen (15) years at a projected cost of \$29M along with annual dam maintenance and repair costs stated in Option A.

Annual Dredging with Forebay: Preserves the lake much as it is and calls for building a forebay to slow the flow of storm water and capture sediment before it reaches Lake Accotink. The forebay will be dredged annually or biannually after construction. Cost estimate for this option is \$45M for dredging and forebay construction with annual or biennial forebay dredging at a cost of \$776K and dam maintenance as described in Option A.

Install Upstream “Beaver Dams” above the lake to catch sediment: This option has been removed from consideration due to its high impact and limited benefit.

Single Channel with Reclaimed Land: Calls for elimination of the Lake Accotink, removal of the dam and restoration of Accotink Creek. Will result in a stream and forest where current lake exists. Cost is \$11M to eliminate dam and \$26K annually to maintain vegetation.

Single Channel with Smaller Lake: Calls for partial removal of the dam, creating a single channel for the stream, and a smaller (~20-acre) lake on the Ravensworth side of the park. The sedimentation rate of the smaller lake would be diminished, but future dredging of unknown intervals would be required. Cost is \$13M and annual maintenance of \$26K.

The Springfield Civic Association (SCA) has not endorsed any specific option currently on the table. However, the SCA Board of Directors strongly encourages its members and homeowners in the Crestwood Neighborhood to carefully review all the options under consideration in the FCPA Lake Accotink Master Plan Revision to understand the benefits and implication of each.

Further, the Board encourages everyone to participate in a quick online survey to communicate their preference for the future of the lake. The deadline for public comment was extended to May 28, 2018. The link to the public survey can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink>.

Lake Accotink Park is a countywide resource. It provides unique recreational opportunities and allows residents a chance to connect with nature. All of us can help shape the future vision for this well-loved park. Please share your thoughts for the future of Lake Accotink with the FCPA, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and other members on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Your opinion matters! Now is the time to decide whether Lake Accotink will continue to be a part of our community moving forward. Additional comments and ideas can also be sent separately to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

ECHO NEWS

ECHO is grateful to Fairfax County Government, Giant, MV Transportation and generous donors for the Stuff the Bus event on February 19, where hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food and hygiene supplies were contributed to support ECHO's mission. Providing emergency food to the most vulnerable families in our community is a 12 month-a-year project, however. Currently, ECHO's Food Pantry, which is at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, needs spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned pasta, deodorant and shaving cream. ECHO is open on weekdays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm to receive donations.

If your employer matches charitable donations, please don't forget to apply for that match for your contribution to ECHO. We are an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization with a big mission and a tiny overhead. You can find our audited financial reports on our website, www.echo-inc.org, along with ways to donate and/or to join us as a volunteer. Right now, ECHO is looking for a volunteer to help with grass mowing from time to time at our building, a volunteer administrative assistant on either Wednesday or Thursday mornings, and someone to receive donations on Tuesday evenings. E-mail volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org for more information.

ECHO's Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for April 7 at St. Bernadette's gymnasium. Our semi-annual yard sales are great fun for "treasure-hunters." ECHO needs donations of tissue paper or unprinted, clean newsprint paper for wrapping breakable treasures for our customers. Donors can drop them off at ECHO's donation door, but please mark the bag or box "Yard Sale Paper" so we will know that other kinds of donations are not "hiding" in the same bag or box!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, will host an Empty Bowls Project to fight hunger on April 22. Empty Bowls Projects take place around the world, allowing artists and artisans to support food-related charities in their locales. Proceeds of this event will be donated to ECHO. Participants will receive an artisan-crafted bowl and a simple dinner. Advance registration is necessary because participation is limited. See "Upcoming Events" at www.popl.org.

Food Drives

March - Prince of Peace Lutheran, Springfield Christian, Springfield United Methodist

April - Grace Christian Reformed, Adat Reyim, Burke United Methodist

Upcoming Dates to Note

March 16, 19 - Clothing changeover to Spring/Summer (no clothing appointments)

March 29 - Closed evening only

March 30 - Closed for Good Friday

April 2 - Closed

April 7 - Spring Yard Sale at St. Bernadette's Gym

April 14 - Saturday opening

April 16 - Executive Committee Mtg., 7:30

April 22 - Empty Bowls event at Prince of Peace Lutheran- register online in advance

Preservation of Lake Accotink



Are you motivated to save Lake Accotink after reviewing the FCPA Lake Accotink Master Revision Plan? If so, you may want to consider joining the SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK movement. SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK is a non-profit organization dedicated to the sustainable preservation of Lake Accotink in its current form. Ravensworth and North Springfield residents formed SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK.ORG on February 7, 2018 in response to a challenge from Mason District Supervisor John Cook to organize and start a petition to place the issue on the 2019 ballot for a bond referendum. Additionally, SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK.ORG launched a social media campaign and Go Fund Me initiative to build community awareness of efforts to save the lake.

Lake Accotink is a unique man-made resource in Fairfax County. It serves a diverse population in several neighboring communities and is enjoyed by residents countywide. The lake is the centerpiece of Lake Accotink Park. If it were to disappear, the character of the park would change dramatically. The lake offers a host of recreational activities that include kayaking, paddle boats, fishing and walking trails.

The lake is home to abundant aquatic wildlife, flora and birds, including herons and eagles. If Lake Accotink is eliminated as proposed in Options A and E of the FCPA Lake Accotink Master Plan Revision, the wildlife and birds will disappear. Only Options B and C preserve the Lake Accotink habitat for the existing wildlife.

In addition to providing a home for wildlife, Lake Accotink is vital to the health of the entire watershed. The amount of sediment carried downstream by Accotink Creek into the lake is directly related to the increased rainwater runoff from county roadways, parking lots, and home hardscapes. Lake Accotink traps roughly half of this sediment, preventing it from being washed further downstream. Because Lake Accotink is doing its job to trap sediment, wildlife below the lake thrives. Endangered freshwater mussels that live below the lake will not survive if the lake fills with sediment or the dam is removed.

The FCPA Lake Accotink Master Plan Revision provides estimated costs for each lake management option currently under consideration. But, these estimates do not account for a myriad of hidden costs that have not been studied. If the dam is removed or we allow sediment to completely fill the lake, the sediment currently being trapped will flow downstream through lower Accotink Creek, Pohick Bay, the Potomac River and finally down to the Chesapeake Bay. Environmental regulations limit the amount of sediment waterways carry into the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. If the lake is eliminated, something else must be done to trap this sediment. The cost of measures to replace Lake Accotink's sediment sequestration are likely to exceed the estimated \$45M cost to dredge the lake and create a forebay called for in Option C.

Given the need to preserve the lake as a sediment trap and the value of the lake as a home for wildlife and recreation, the SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK organization believes Option C is the only sustainable lake management option under consideration. The forebay will trap most of the sediment washed downstream, extending the time between full dredges of the lake to thirty-five (35) years or more.

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SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK is working to find the best solution for the environment and the community. The organization has gained nearly 2,000 signatures on a petition to place the issue on the 2019 ballot for a bond referendum. This is necessary as the FCPA lacks the budget to fund Option C. You can find the petition on the savelakeaccotink.org website. If you want to save the lake, you are encouraged to go online and sign the petition by May 28, 2018.

Yard signs created by SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK to increase community awareness are now available. If you would like a yard sign, visit the savelakeaccotink.org website. If you are motivated to get involved, SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK is looking for volunteers to assist with community awareness and a myriad of other supporting tasks. You can also follow SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

(The Springfield Civic Association (SCA) does not take an official position on the Lake Accotink question.)



What To Do If You Lose Power

Do not call 9-1-1 if you lose power. If you have a power outage, contact Dominion Power, 1-866-366-4357; www.dom.com/outage-center or NOVEC, 1-888-335-0500; www.novec.com/stormcenter. Call 9-1-1 for emergencies only; call 703-691-2131 for non-emergencies.

- Please use battery powered lighting and not candles!
- Take safety precautions if using a generator. Follow the directions supplied with the generator. Every year, people die in incidents related to portable generator use - never use a generator indoors.
- An electrical power outage will affect the safe storage of refrigerated and frozen foods. Perishable foods such as meat, poultry, seafood, milk and eggs that are not properly refrigerated or stored, and frozen food that thaws, may cause illness if consumed.
- If your neighborhood has lost power, please check on elderly and neighbors with disabilities.

Citizens Advisory Committee—CAC

On **Saturday April 14, 2018** the Fairfax County Communities of Trust will hold a Public Safety Day in the Franconia District. The Public Safety Day will be held at Springfield Square Apartments @ 7100 Rhoden Court Springfield, VA 22151. **The event will run for 3 hours, 1100-1400.** The goals of the Public Safety Day are to build positive relationships between public safety agencies and the communities they serve.

This Public Safety Day is a large event with public safety vehicles from our department, State Police, Sheriff's, FBI, OEM and the Fire Department. A poster announcing the event is below.

Of special interest, the leader of the Communities of Trust will be speaking at our CAC meeting on March 21 at 7:00 pm to inform our communities about the organization. As well, an information session will expand on what the upcoming event will entail.

We will also be congratulating two officers who were selected as Officers of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2017: PFC Tyler Moyers and PFC Brian McClelland.

PUBLIC SAFETY DAY
Saturday - April 14th, 2018
11:00AM - 2:00PM
Springfield Square Apartments
7100 Rhoden Court
Springfield, VA 22151

Sponsored by
**The Fairfax County
Communities of Trust Committee**

Come and enjoy a day with your community and the Public Safety family.

- Face painting, balloons, games, food and drinks
- Fire and Rescue vehicle display
- Police, State Police, Sheriff, FBI and Office of Emergency Management representatives
- Sheriff's Child Identification Cards

If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the Communities of Trust Committee, please contact us at communitiesoftrust@gmail.com or call 703-470-2137. Visit us at www.communitiesoftrust.com

Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Springfield is looking forward to Spring, which also brings our Spring Faire. Our Spring Faire is an annual event sponsored by our Club to benefit Bethany House of Northern Virginia, a non-profit, faith based organization committed to assisting victims of domestic violence abuse. Domestic Violence Awareness is the Signature Project of our parent organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs.



Our Spring Faire will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at Burke United Methodist Church in Burke, Virginia, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Entrance to the Faire is free, and will include door prizes. It will feature local crafts people and home-based vendors, such as Pampered Chef, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Thirty-One Gifts and Discovery Toys. Crafts vendors include Seaglass Cottage, Patti's Pretties, Vintage Jewelry, Stampin' Up and Cards by Elly (just to name a few).

Please join us for this fun-filled day....you won't be sorry.

We welcome all women in the Springfield and surrounding areas to join us. Please feel free to come to our meetings and see what we are all about. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except April, July and August), beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Grace Presbyterian Church. For more information about the Woman's Club of Springfield, please visit our website at www.womansclubofspringfield.org or call our Membership Chairman, Beverly Stoltz, at 703/941-4501.

January 2018 SCA Meeting Presenters

We heard from several volunteer groups at the January SCA meeting. Representatives from the American Legion Post 176, the Women's Club of Springfield, Messiah United Methodist Church, Friends of Richard Byrd Library, First Baptist Church, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Springfield United Methodist Church, The Celebration Singers, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Spoke of their programs and volunteer opportunities. Thanks to one and all for a very informative meeting!



Sponsor Spotlight: Springfield Butcher

Interview conducted by Barbara Coder, SCA Secretary

This edition the Sponsor Spotlight shines on Springfield Butcher, a favorite among local carnivores. A Springfield institution for 30 years, Springfield Butcher is centrally located in the Springfield Plaza. Springfield Butcher is committed to bringing you the freshest meats and seafoods and the highest quality customer service.

Springfield Butcher is a full-service butcher that specializes in hand-cut steaks and chops, a wide assortment of hand-made sausages, a variety of oven-ready entrees,

and several specialty packs for stocking-up the freezer. It also offers an impressive selection of fowl and game. Homemade jumbo-lump crab cakes and Italian sausages are among the Springfield Butcher's best sellers. The Springfield Butcher team is dedicated to meeting the needs of its customers. If you are looking for something special, just ask a member of the Springfield Butcher staff. The shop is conveniently open Tuesday through Sunday. As the weather turns warmer and the grilling season approaches, you may want to check out all the quality options offered by Springfield Butcher.

Since 2007, Springfield Butcher has partnered with the local charitable Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) organization to meet ECHO's ground beef needs. ECHO's lead food buyer expressed gratitude for the reliable and friendly support provided by Springfield Butcher.

The Springfield Civic Association is thankful for Springfield Butcher's continued sponsorship. Financial support provided by Springfield Butcher helps the SCA serve the needs of the central Springfield community. As you visit Springfield Butcher and all of our other sponsors, we ask that you thank them for their generous support.

Old Keene Mill Historical Marker



A saw and grist mill built by James Keene between 1796 and 1800, when it was expanded, stood on the north side of the original Keene Mill Road right-of-way just to the east of this marker. The mill served the surrounding farm community for approximately sixty years and provided the landmark after which Old Keene Mill Road was named. Two mill races are all that remain on the site. This historical marker is on Huntsman Boulevard, north of Old Keene Mill Road .

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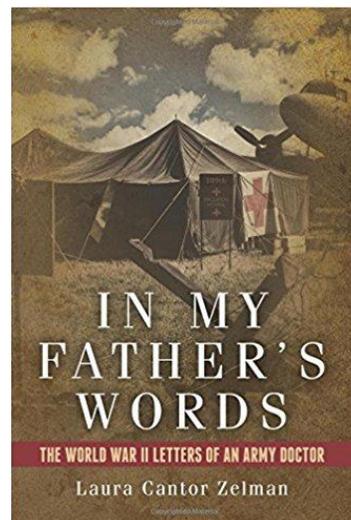
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Friends of Richard Byrd Library

Annual Meeting

On Thursday, April 26th, the Friends will host our annual meeting to celebrate our library and the Friends' accomplishments in 2017 – thanks to your help and support. At 6pm on April 26th, come to the library's meeting room for snacks and to socialize with fellow library lovers. At 6:15, we'll review our accomplishments and the financial health of our organization. Meet our new board members and mingle with the best volunteers ever. At 7pm, Laura Cantor Zelman will talk about her book *In My Father's Words, The World War II Letters of an Army Doctor*. Join us to learn about this collection of over five hundred letters detailing the daily life of a Jewish American doctor in the U.S. Army. The letters shed light on the condition of the soldiers' medical care, and his first-hand account of censorship, the Nazis, German POWs, and army life. The letters are a testament to the work of military doctors in war time and the many sacrifices they make for our country. See you on Thursday, April 26th.



Financial Literacy Workshops

The Friends have again partnered with Andrews Federal Credit Union to host Financial Literacy workshops at Richard Byrd Library. The first session focused on the basic building blocks of financial success by explaining how to develop a simple budget. The second workshop reviewed smart credit use, establishing and maintaining a good credit score, identity theft pitfalls and cyber crime. Both sessions were well attended, participants were fully engaged, listening intently and asking lots of questions. The third and fourth workshops will focus on savings topics such as 529 college plans, saving for retirement, etc. It's not too late to work on your New Year's financial resolution. Join us for the next workshop on Thursday, March 29th at 7pm (pizza at 6:30).

CoderDojo Continues!



The Friends sponsored CoderDojo workshops continue to be very popular. The January session had over 25 students ages 7 - 12 years old. Participants follow a curriculum that was developed jointly by MIT and Harvard graduate students specifically to teach children how to code. We are exploring the possibility of adding a new topic on 3D printing to expand the curriculum and attract additional participants. Several of our regular coders recently attended a regional coding competition called Cool Code Awards held at George Mason University. Each student was judged on their coding projects (games, web sites, robots, etc.). There were some very creative and impressive projects. Next workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 17th, 2 – 4pm.

Reading Buddies

Does your child need to practice/improve their reading skills? Would you like to help a child 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 continue throughout the school year; sign up at the Information Desk. We're always looking for additional volunteers.

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Friends of Richard Byrd Library (cont'd)

Join Us - Be a Friend

We appreciate our volunteers, and if you aren't already a volunteer - please join us. If you'd like to do more, become a dues paying member of the Friends. A \$10 individual or \$20 family annual membership provides you with reserved seating for Friends events, a 4X a year newsletter, and preview shopping at our sales. Why is it important to volunteer and/or become a member? **Well, did you know?**

- Friends pay for all the children's performers at the library.
- Friends pay for the New York Times, Scientific America and 14 other publications.
- Friends provide volunteers for summer reading programs, Reading Buddies, and all or hands on programming.
- Friends run Educators' Night—our program to bring books to our school's classroom libraries.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 17, 2 – 4pm: **CoderDojo**

Thursday, March 29, 7pm (pizza at 6:30pm): **Financial Literacy – Saving for College & Retirement**

Saturday, April 21, 1 – 3pm: **CoderDojo**

Thursday, April 26, 6pm: **Friends Annual Meeting, 7pm Speaker – Laura Zelman**

Follow us on Social Media Outlets

Friends on Facebook at "[FriendsOfRichardByrdLibrary](#)"

Instagram at "[bowtiethelibrarypenguin](#)"

Twitter at "[ByrdLibFriends](#)"

Your engagement helps us reach an even broader audience!

Volunteer: Looking for a volunteer opportunity...come join the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library! Contact us at: rbfriends@gmail.com.

Donations: As always, we welcome all donations of gently used books (print and audio), DVDs, CDs and LPs. Donation receipts provided upon request.

Please thank our advertisers when you visit them. Their investment in our community is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Need to de-clutter your house or make space in your garage? Mark your calendars to sign up for a spot to sell your items at the Springfield Community Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14 starting at 8:00 AM and ending at 2:00 PM in the parking lot of Springfield United Methodist Church (7047 Old Keene Mill Road). The church parking lot has over a hundred spaces for sellers to rent making this one of the largest yard sales in the area!

A \$10.00 donation will get you a 9x9 space (that, if necessary, can be adjusted to accommodate a standard 10x10 pop-up tent,) on a high traffic corner, day of and advance online advertising, and printable flyer to post locally.

The deadline to sign up for a spot to sell is Monday, April 2. For more details or an application, please email SMCYardsale@aol.com. Don't forget to stop by the Yard Sale and see what treasures you can find! The rain date is Saturday, April 28.

Celebration Singers

Do you love music, singing, or dancing? Do you enjoy entertaining others in our community? Would you like to bring joy to senior citizens and shut-ins? Do you play a musical instrument? Do you want to make new friends? Do you like working behind the scenes?

If you answered "Yes" to any of those questions, consider joining the Celebration Singers, an all-volunteer non-profit women's show chorus that has been entertaining Northern Virginia audiences for 40+ years. The singers entertain community, civic, military, religious and social groups. Retirement and nursing homes are frequent venues since the Celebration Singers bring their show directly to the audience.

We're looking for volunteer singers, dancers, a bass player, guitarist, violinist, a person to run our sound system, etc.---tell us what you do and we can likely find a spot for you!



We rehearse once a week in Burke on Wednesdays, 10:30 – 2:30 and produce shows for the community during the Christmas season and in the spring. For more information about booking a show or becoming a member, please email celsingers@gmail.com.





Department of Transportation
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot (703) 877-5600 TTY: 711



Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes (703) 324-5800 TTY: 711



Springfield Community Business Center Commuter Parking Garage
State Project: 0644-029-175, P101, R201, C501; UPC 106274 | Federal Project: CM-5A01 (742)

Slug Group Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7 p.m.
Meeting Location: Edison High School Cafeteria A
Address: 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA

Learn about the planning and design of the new Springfield CBC Commuter Parking Garage. Fairfax County staff will present the project and answer questions from the community.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/springfield-garage>



Fairfax County ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. To request this information in an alternate format, please call Building Design and Construction Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at 703-324-5800, TTY: 711.



Springfield Swim and Racquet Club

Springfield Swim and Racquet Club (SSRC) is a nonprofit corporation established in 1954 with the purpose to “operate and maintain a swimming pool and such recreational facilities as may from time to time appear to be desirable to afford a better community life for the area of Springfield, Fairfax County, Virginia.” We are located at the intersection of Amelia and Highland, 7400 Highland Street.

Our goal at SSRC is to make opportunities readily available to our community. It is a member operated recreational facility which people can walk to, ride their bikes, or not have to drive a great distance to enjoy. We particularly want to thank those members who have belonged for many, many years. Several of our members join each year, even though they seldom come. Thank you very much for supporting our efforts towards betterment of our community life.

For the 2018 season the board of directors has approved a broader array of new member pricing. If anyone is interested in new membership this year please contact membership@swimspringfield.com to see what may be best for you.

New member prices are:

Family (Max. 2 adults + dependent children)	\$400
Couple	\$275
Single Adult	\$200
Limited couple	\$200
Limited single	\$150

The question I get asked most is what are you going to do with those tennis courts? Few current members are interested in investing to fix the courts to play tennis. However, are there community members interested in tennis? Please let me know so we can better judge investing that money on the courts. This year I am exploring using a portion of the area for container gardening, as well as putting garden plots outside the fence along Highland and Atteentee. Gardening is a great recreational activity for young and “not so young” alike, fitting within the purpose established for SSRC. Some people have contacted me about establishing composting as well. If gardening, composting, or “ecology” club (gardening, composting, anti-litter, recycling, etc.) is something that interests you, please contact me (president@swimspringfield.com). If there is sufficient interest, I would then present a proposal to the board of directors to establish memberships specific to that type of activity.



Hope to see you this summer!!!!!!

Richard Byrd Library

VITA continues to provide free tax assistance at our branch each Saturday from 9:30-1:00 in our meeting rooms. They will continue through April 14th for families and individuals who earn \$54,000 or less per year.

Starting in March, the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library are cosponsoring a Qi-Gong class every other Monday through May, 2018. The dates for March are the 5th and the 19th at 10:30am. Qi-Gong is a gentle form of exercise that combines movements and breathing techniques.

Additional Events from mid-March to mid-April 2018:

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. **English Conversation Group.** Adults.

Wednesday, March 14 & April 11. 10:30 am. **Fun With Ones.** Enjoy books, songs and rhymes. Age 12-23 months with adult.

Thursday, March 15 and April 5, 7:00 pm. **Springfield Writers' Group.** Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive environment. Adults

Saturday, March 17, 10:30 am. **Saturday Stories.** Stories and Activities. Birth-5 years with adult.

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Tuesday, March 20 & April 17, 7:00 pm. **Bedtime Storytime.** Wear your PJs, bring your stuffed animal and enjoy bedtime stories and music. Birth-5 years with adult.

Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 am. **Time for Twos.** Storytime focused on early literacy skills. Age 2 with Adult.

Monday, March 26, 4:30 pm. **Everything STEAM.** Explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through hands-on activities. Age 6-12.

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm. **Financial Literacy Workshop.** The topic this month will be **Saving for College through a Virginia 529 plan.** Presented by Andrews Federal Credit Union. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library. Adults.

Wednesday, April 4, 10:30. **Mother Goose Time.** Join us for stories and activities. Age 0-13 months with adult.

Wednesday, April 4, 11:30 am. **Sensory Storytime.** In partnership with the Infant Toddler Connection, this welcoming story time is geared toward children with special needs and children sensitive to sensory overload. Birth-3 with adult.



Trails for Youth Update

The weather has been up and down this winter and we can't wait for Spring to arrive. But cold or wet weather hasn't stopped TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) from providing hours of weekly physical activity to local youth this winter. Through support from Federal Realty Investment Trust, TYO was able to use an indoor space to provide fitness classes two times a week. Combining spinning exercises and cardio games, youth from 5 Springfield elementary schools, Key Middle and Lee High School were able to workout and have fun. As we enter into warmer weather, TYO will move outside for hikes, bike rides, fishing opportunities and other nature based activities. We are so grateful to Federal Realty for helping us provide healthy alternatives for these youth to be active during these colder months.

Looking ahead, TYO is offering our 5-week Trailblazer Nature Club starting April 8th. There are a few spaces available for youth in grades 5 – 9th. We will meet two times a week mostly at Lake Accotink or Brookfield Parks and youth will participate in trail bike rides, hikes, fishing and kayaking. TYO Mentors with decades of experience lead youth on these fun activities that challenge them to overcome obstacles and thereby increasing their overall health and wellness. TYO provides the equipment. If interested, please email Julie Childers at Julie@trailsforyouth.org.

For more information about TrailsforYouth.Org, visit our website at www.trailsforyouth.org or join our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.Org/>



Springfield Garden Club

Now's the time to start thinking about your gardens and lawns! Come and join us at our meeting on Tuesday, March 27th at Grace Presbyterian Church at 10 am and learn about perennials for your garden!

Karen Rexrode, Merrifield Garden Center Plant Specialist and Professional Photographer, will be our speaker. Karen owned and operated the Windy Hill Plant Farm near Aldie, VA seven days a week for 25 years, in addition to handling the plant farm's catalog business. Eventually, Karen joined a camera club and became an advanced photographer, exhibiting her work in select galleries in the Northern Virginia area. Karen is a frequent keynote speaker at garden clubs and conferences and is also a prolific writer. Her topic at our March meeting will be "Perennial Personalities." It may be just what you need to get inspired!

Springfield Acres Garden Club is a local non-profit organization serving the Springfield community since 1955. Our members promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility throughout our community.

We meet once a month (September through May) at Grace Presbyterian Church located at 7434 Bath Street, Springfield, Virginia. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, learn more about gardening at all stages of life, participate in workshops, and take tours. We have an outreach to school children as well as an outreach to those in a nursing home. We can even help you have your own green thumb!

We'd love to have you come and see what we're all about! Questions? Contact Gail Nittle at gnittle@gmail.com



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Program:
Local Schools Update
Lake Accotink News

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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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