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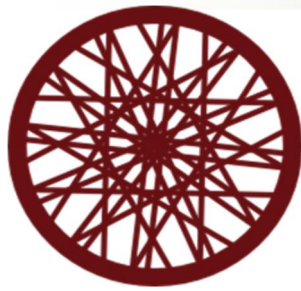
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Springfield Civic Association

Where we all come together

President's Message—Bruce Waggoner

Greetings from the Springfield Civic Association (SCA), now 66 years young and making a difference every day.

By publication of this edition, we will have moved the clocks forward to welcome spring. We do so acknowledging longer daylight hours and warmer temperatures. Makes me happy just to think about it.

It's a pity that January's general membership meeting was thwarted twice by weather; the revitalization - real estate theme was much anticipated. The SCA Board is determined to bring that relevant program to fruition in coming months, so stay tuned. Speaking of relevant themes, on Tuesday, 19 March in Crestwood Elementary's cafeteria, the SCA will host a Lee District Candidates night. It is especially relevant to us because for many years we have worked closely with the Lee District Supervisor and staff; in short, we have become strong partners in protecting our interests and building a better Community. With Supervisor McKay running for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, four candidates have announced to run for the vacant seat. The four candidates have accepted the SCA's invitation to speak to our membership and take questions, in short, they have accepted the opportunity to interview with a vibrant, active civic association that continues to drive change in Lee District. The SCA Board hopes you will join us in taking advantage of this opportunity to better exercise your franchise in the coming primary and general elections. The four candidates for Lee District Supervisor

are: Kelly Hebron; Larysa Kautz; Rodney Lusk; James Migliaccio.

In other news, the SCA took an active role in the abandoned shopping carts blighting the business district, our homes and streets. We worked directly with State Senator Scott Surovell, even having a member testify in Richmond. In the end, the legislation passed the Senate, but failed in committee in the House of Delegates; the end result is a kind of legislative limbo and may be tried again next year, perhaps in modified form. Time will tell. In the interim, we are not powerless. If you care enough, write to Giant at the corporate level about the number of abandoned grocery carts in our neighborhoods; it is the best way to get the attention of our local Giant and other vendors. (<https://giantfood.com/contact-us/form/#/contact/store/praise>)

The SCA is also participating in potential pedestrian and traffic safety on Commerce Street. Lee District Staff, County offices, VDOT, and local advocates, to include SCA members, are stepping forward on this effort. Patience required.

Meanwhile, the Transportation Security Administration headquarters continues to take form, and the LIDL grocery store lot is leveled and ready for development. The SCA will promulgate news as we hear it on our Facebook page. Tune in and share with your neighbors news we all can use.

Bruce Waggoner/SCA President

September Meeting
Tuesday, March 19
Crestwood ES

Social time—7:00pm
Meeting—7:30pm

Program:
Lee District
Candidates Night

Jeff McKay's Update/ Fairfax Green Initiatives

With a growing population and ever-increasing traffic, waste, and carbon emissions, it's imperative that Fairfax County lead the way in combating climate change. I've long been an advocate of solar freedom and many other Green initiatives and that is why I am happy to be a part of Fairfax County's most recent call to protect our environment.

At our Board Meeting on February 5, Supervisor Dan Storck, Supervisor John Foust, and I introduced the Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter. This Board Matter (which was approved unanimously by the Board) is a call to action for the County to consider additional endeavors to accelerate our work of addressing climate change and increasing environmental preservation.

As part of the Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter, the County will begin developing a Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and a County-specific Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Plan contracting with an energy savings performance contractor (ESPC). These plans and strategies will articulate how the County manages the risk of a changing climate and allows County staff to identify a set of principles to guide effective adaptation practices, all while outlining our vision for a resilient future.

Additionally, we intend to advance the goals and targets of the County's Operational Energy Strategy all while increasing locally generated environmentally friendly energy (like solar) to offset all County government energy usage. As part of the Fairfax Green Initiative, County staff is committed to increasing and enhancing communication related to climate change and environmental stewardship with residents. These proposed actions will have little to no cost.

Many County efforts and actions are already underway, including a County Energy Policy, our Operational Energy Strategy, Environmental Improvement Program, and sustainability initiatives; we must continue to recognize the importance and urgency of addressing climate change.

I hope this comprehensive review will push state legislatures to give us the flexibility to complete projects successfully and, in the months ahead, I look forward to continuing my work on these issues and making sure Fairfax County lights the way for all other jurisdictions, so we can have a healthier climate for everyone.



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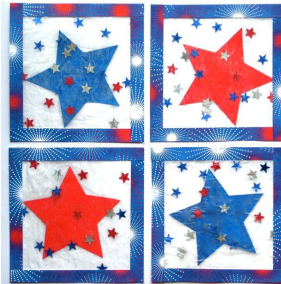


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Lee District Candidates Night

The candidates for the Lee District Supervisor position will be present at the March 19, 2019 Springfield Civic Association meeting.

Come hear from and ask questions of candidates Kelly Hebron, Larysa Kautz, Rodney Lusk and James Migliaccio.



The meeting will be held at Crestwood Elementary School. Social time begins at 7:00 and the meeting begins at 7:30. A door prize drawing takes place at 9:00. Bring a friend!

Trails for Youth

Springing Forward with TrailsforYouth.Org

Happy almost Spring! This winter has been busy for TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO). We implemented a pilot program called Girls Rolling and Learning STEM (GRLS) for Springfield girls in grades 5-8 to learn STEM (Science, Tech. Engineering, Math) concepts through bicycles, workouts and hands-on activities (see www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.org for lots of pictures). We have almost completed our 8 weeks of class time and will take the girls on a 3 hour research bike ride at Lake Accotink to put into action a variety of concepts they have learned in class (gear ratios, aerodynamics etc.) It's been fantastic to see them learn, workout and have fun.

But now that Spring is almost here, we are anxious to get outside and enjoy the parks and trails. This Spring, in conjunction and support from Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts, we will begin to maintain and clean up the connector trail from Brookfield Park to the CCT at Lake Accotink. We are also planning on cleaning up the Brookfield Park pump track and having that available for local families to enjoy. We will be asking for volunteers soon to help us with the pump track. Interested? Email Julie@trailsforyouth.org.



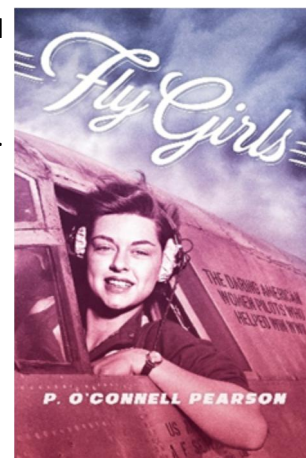
In addition to activities at Brookfield Park, TYO will be the lead instructors for Lake Accotink's intro and intermediate mountain bike classes starting in late March and then again in April. In April, we will offer our weekly Trailblazer club for kids in grades 5-8 to get outside and enjoy being active in our local parks. We are excited for Spring to begin and look forward to mentoring local youth on overcoming obstacles on the trail and in life! For more information please visit our website at www.trailsforyouth.org or email Julie@trailsforyouth.org and don't forget to follow us on facebook (www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.Org) to see lots of local youth enjoying our local parks and trails.



Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update

Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, April 23rd, the Friends will host our annual meeting to celebrate our library and the Friends' accomplishments in 2018 – thanks to your help and support. At 6pm on April 23rd, 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, Patricia O'Connell Pearson will talk about her book *Fly Girls: The Daring American Women Pilots Who Helped Win WWII*. In 1942, the US Army Airforce needed skilled pilots but trained only men—even if women were doing the training. Finally, female pilots were accepted and the WASP started ferrying planes from factories to bases, towing targets for live ammunition artillery training, and more. Facing prejudice and discrimination, they remained civilians with no military benefits, not even for the burials of the thirty-eight who died. Their story is one of patriotism, selflessness, positive attitudes, and a love of flying. See you on Tuesday, April 23rd.



Legos in the Library

Join us for the next monthly session (3rd Thursday) of Legos in the Library on March 21st. Children and parents have loads of fun creating engineering marvels from hundreds of little plastic blocks. What will you build?



Photo Courtesy of the Friends of Richard Byrd Library

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.

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.

Children's Consignment Sale/Grace Presbyterian Church

Grace Weekday Preschool is having a Children's Consignment Sale on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Our sale will make it simple for you to sell your new and gently used children's and maternity items. Shopping for all types of infant & children's clothing, toys, furniture and maternity items at affordable prices couldn't be easier!

You do not have to be a consignor or a volunteer to shop the sale. Get there early -- the doors will open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday. Better yet, volunteer and you can come Friday! Be sure to check both the boys' and girls' sections even if you are looking for one gender, as many clothes are in unisex styles. Contact us at 703-451-3314 or preschool@gracepresby.org

All sales are final and there are no returns. All items are sold as-is.

Grace Weekday Preschool is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

We will provide shopping bags for use during the sale. No outside shopping bags will be permitted.

NO Credit cards will be accepted. We will accept cash and in-state personal checks with a current in-state driver's license or valid military ID only.



Children's Consignment Sale Saturday, March 16, 2019 8am—12pm

**Grace Presbyterian Church
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Come shop for gently used and like-new maternity and children's items at GREAT prices! We'll also have some baked goods to purchase on your way out!

Do you have children's and maternity items to sell? If you are interested in selling your items, call Grace Weekday Preschool at 703-451-3314 or email preschool@gracepresby.org for more information.

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Crestwood PTA

The Crestwood Elementary PTA has had a great school year so far. We kicked off the year with a bake sale on Election Day, and despite the rainy cold weather we raised over \$860! Our spirit wear sale of tees and hoodies has been a big hit, and we're excited to see so much school spirit in the school hallways. We've used the money from these fundraisers and others to support Crestwood students in a variety of ways. For example, the PTA sponsored a fun, interactive science assembly, the PTA is sponsoring exciting field trips for different grade levels, the ever-popular movie night is coming up, and several teams from Crestwood are competing in this year's Odyssey of the Mind competition.

We're very excited to be bringing back International Night on Friday, June 7! This is a wonderful night to celebrate the many cultures and nationalities we have at our school. To make this a successful event for our students, their families, and our community, we need your help!

How can you get involved?

Do you have contacts at local restaurants who would like to donate food or supplies?

Are you a part of a dance or music troop that would like to perform?

Are you a lover of arts & crafts who would like to lead or be involved in one of the many activities during the event?

Would you like to be on a committee or be a committee chair – food, entertainment, activities, or volunteer coordinator, etc?

Contact Jillian Hanright, PTA Vice President if you would like to get involved at CrestwoodOwlsPTA@gmail.com or 703-346-2668.



 **Happy St. Patrick's Day** 

Sponsor Spotlight

Interview conducted by Barbara Coder

The Springfield Civic Association is proud to have many local businesses as sponsors. Springfield Plaza Laundromat and Cleaners is among these valued sponsors. Elizabeth Libby took over the business from her father Joseph Malek who still helps her operate and maintain this busy family business. Her husband Rich joined the family business in 2011. If the name Malek seems familiar, it is...Joseph also founded Malek's Pizza Palace, also located in Springfield Plaza, over thirty-five years ago. Mr. Malek purchased the Springfield Plaza Laundromat in 1983 and has moved and expanded the business twice within the Springfield Plaza. When originally purchased, the laundromat was located next to Malek's Pizza which allowed Joseph to operate both businesses.

The Springfield Plaza Laundromat and Cleaners offers a variety of services to include commercial coin operated washers and dryers for self-laundry, dry cleaning, wash and fold, tailor/seamstress on site for alterations, embroidery, monograms and cobbler for shoe/purse repair. The laundromat has 160 high quality and efficient machines to include a 100-pound washer that can be used for large items such as rugs. Elizabeth is proud to offer Green Earth environmentally friendly dry cleaning that is free of perchloroethylene (perc), a known carcinogen.

The Springfield Plaza Laundromat prides itself on offering a safe and clean environment for its clientele. Elizabeth believes her dedicated staff who are committed to providing friendly quality service is what keeps customers coming back. The laundromat offers a casual Bible Study twice a week which Elizabeth translates into Spanish.

Elizabeth believes, as does her father, it is a business' responsibility to help and give back to the surrounding community and for this reason the Springfield Plaza Laundromat and Cleaners continues to support the Springfield Civic Association. The laundromat is open 6:30am to 10pm seven days a week. However, they do not close until everyone is done with their laundry. That means sometimes they are open until 12 midnight and even later. They open 30 minutes early on Saturdays and Sundays, their busiest days.

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

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ECHO News

Can you feel it? Spring is around the corner! ECHO will soon switch the clothing in our Clothing Room from fall and winter to spring and summer items. This is a big effort requiring many willing hands and lots of muscle, but we do it because our clients choose clothing for their families just the way we all do in a store, from the racks and shelves. Everyone wants to pick from clean, current, well-organized clothing when we shop, so ECHO's clothing volunteers try to keep our Clothing Room a pleasant place for our clients to find what they need.

This month, ECHO is hoping for donations of canned pasta products, 2# bags of sugar, jelly, boxed rice products, deodorant, shaving razors, new bed pillows, new or used (but working) blenders, children's sneakers from sizes 3 to 6, teen clothing from sizes 10 to 18 and children's pajamas. ECHO is open to receive donations on weekdays between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Receipts are gladly offered.

If you enjoy working outdoors and have a little time in your month to give back to your community, ECHO could use your help on our Landscaping Team. A couple of hours a month doing some trimming, mowing or raking will help us keep our property looking good. We don't need a weekly commitment- just a commitment to work with other volunteers from time to time on outdoor maintenance. If you have an interest, find out more by emailing volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

Food Drives

March - Prince of Peace Lutheran, Springfield Christian, Springfield United Methodist
April - Grace Christian Reformed, Burke United Methodist, Adat Reyim

Upcoming Dates to Note

March 15 and 18 - Changeover to spring and summer clothing
April 6 - Saturday Opening
April 15 - Executive Comm. meets, 7:30
April 18 - Closed evening only
April 19 - Closed for Good Friday
April 27 - ECHO Spring Yard Sale at St. Bernadette's gym



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Lake Accotink Park

Lake Accotink Staff and Volunteers are staying busy during our off season preparing new programs and our facilities for the upcoming season.

Operations:

Park Hours will be expanding March 10th, new hours will be 7:00 AM – 7:30 PM.

The Marina is scheduled to open May 4th. New operation hours, Weekends/Holidays 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Weekdays 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM, begin June 17th.

Programming and Events:

Registration for spring programs and **summer camp** has begun! Popular offerings like our Dog Obedience Series, Mountain Biking classes, and Kayak classes are already starting to fill up don't miss your chance to register. Lake Accotink has expanded its summer camp offerings and now has truly unique summer camp experiences for your child(ren). Find a complete list of programs, events and camps on our website, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/classes-camps>.

Two of the Lake Accotink's biggest events are just around the corner!

30th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta

Sunday, June 2nd, 2019. 7:00 AM – TBD

Lake Accotink Park Marina

Registration: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/>

Volunteer: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/volunteer>

Spring Fling

May 11th, 2019. 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Lake Accotink Park Marina

Registration:

https://fairfax.usedirect.com/FairfaxFCPAWeb/ACTIVITIES/Details.aspx?session_id=73852&back_url=f19BQ1RJVkiUSUVTL1NIYXJjaC5hc3B4

Fee: \$8.00, 2 years and under free

Description: Join us at Lake Accotink to celebrate spring and kick off our 2019 marina season! Activities include: face painting, live bird exhibit, carnival style games, mini golf, summer camp demonstration table, history talk, food trucks, campfire bat talk, s'mores, kayak sampler classes, and more! Some activities require an additional fee.

Volunteerism and Community Connections:

We love our volunteers and friends groups! To learn more about how to volunteer now or for upcoming volunteer events please visit our [volunteer website](#) and create an account!

Volunteer Events:

Lake Accotink Park – Core Area Clean-up

Saturday, April 27th, 2019. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Lake Accotink Park Core Area

Registration: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/volunteer>

Cardboard Boat Regatta (see above)

Facility Maintenance and Improvements:

Ongoing and Upcoming projects including;

- Preparing for maintenance work on Carousel to begin
- Completed relocation of rentable picnic areas
- Preparing for relocation of pollinator garden and cleanout of the traffic circle at the marina
- Refurbishing carousel horses
- Working on solutions for the debris at the top of the spillway
- New shade structures for rentable birthday party areas
- New boat storage solutions
- Information Kiosk around the trails and in the core area have been updated

Need to report damage or maintenance concerns? Please call the visitor center, 703-569-3464. We appreciate your support!



The Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc. continues to keep up a busy pace!

Last month, we delivered layette sets to both Fairfax and Alexandria Hospitals, along with pack-n-plays and car seats. This is a favorite project of ours, and one that is greatly appreciated by the hospitals.

We will be donating money to both Robert E. Lee High School and West Springfield High School for their All Night Graduation Parties. We are also making donations to Trails for Youth and Canine Companions, along with ECHO. All year long, we make various donations of money or goods to Crestwood Elementary School, Garfield Elementary School and Lynbrook Elementary School. We have approved a \$3,000 scholarship to a worthy young woman at Robert E. Lee High School and will give three continuing education scholarships of \$1,500 to previous scholarship winners. This is how we spend the money we make in our Pink Elephant Thrift Shop. If you have not visited us in the Concord Shopping Center (near Aldi), please do so. We would be happy to share our little "boutique" with you or take consignments or donations of your items. We are open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Saturday.



In April, we will celebrate our Club's 65th Anniversary and the 55th Anniversary of the Pink Elephant Thrift Shop. BIG milestones. We will be holding a luncheon at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, at which time, we will welcome the President of the Northern District, Peggy Schlegelmilch, to install our new officers for the 2019-2021 Club Years. We are very proud of our long-time service to the Springfield Community.



On May the 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will host our Annual Spring Faire to benefit Bethany House of Northern Virginia. We welcome the entire community to visit us at Burke United Methodist Church for this great event! This is a vendor and craft faire, and we hope to have between 20 and 24 different vendors present. If you or anyone you know is a crafter, we would welcome them at the show. Please contact Diana Hooper at 703/913-5602 for more information or to register to be a vendor. This is another favorite activity of our members, as we have long supported the great work of Bethany House. The show is free, and there will be door prizes donated by our vendors.

In addition to our hard work, we still have time for fun....we had a Chinese New Year's Dinner at a local restaurant, had a tour of The Washington Post, and have a tour planned of the Fairfax County Government Center, will be hosting at the Woodlawn Needlework Show....just to name a few things.

We are always looking for new members for our Club. If you are interested, please come to a meeting or contact our Membership Chairman, Beverly Stoltz, at 703/941-4501. We will warmly welcome you!

GrandInvolve

Come join us - GrandInvolve needs 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. We are expanding in the Springfield area and we're looking for kind and patient individuals who love children to volunteer in the classrooms of our Title 1 Elementary Schools. Crestwood Elementary and Lynbrook Elementary both have active GrandInvolve programs. In the past month, we have added Rose Hill Elementary and Cameron Elementary as GrandInvolve Schools and we hope to add the rest of Lee District Title 1 Schools soon. We will need a coordinator for each of the schools before we begin supplying classroom volunteers. If you are interested in classroom volunteering or perhaps taking on a leadership position at Garfield, Forestdale, Groveton, Mount Eagle or Springfield Estates, contact Dorothy Keenan at info@grandinvolve.org



The picture is our volunteer Marcy Stennes with the Crestwood Head Start program.



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Chamber of Commerce



The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will host their 6th annual Valor Awards Breakfast on Friday, April 26, 2019 at the Springfield Golf & Country Club. This annual event recognizes Fairfax County police, fire and sheriff deputies in the Greater Springfield area who selflessly serve and protect our community both on and off the job.

Fairfax County Chief of Police Ed Roessler will serve as our keynote speaker.

The Chamber welcomes Honoree nominations from the community. If you or your community group has been assisted by a local first responder, we want to hear from you. The nomination form is available online, springfieldchamber.org/annual-awards.

Tickets to the breakfast are \$25. Visit the Chamber website to reserve your seat, springfieldchamber.org. An early-bird discount is available on tickets purchased by April 5.

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



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Mosquito Control

Spring is almost here and summer is just around the corner. It's not too early to think about how to control mosquitoes in your yard.

Tip and Toss That Water

Eliminate Standing water. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as a teaspoon of water. Here are 12 locations to check at least weekly for standing water.

1. Buckets, watering cans, bottle caps or any trash that can hold water
2. Corrugated pipes of downspout drainage
3. Bird Baths and pet water bowls
4. Potted plants with saucers
5. Children's toys
6. Tarps on woodpiles and garden equipment
7. Grill and patio furniture
8. Wheelbarrows
9. Containers under decks and porches
10. Garbage cans, recycle bins and other barrels
11. Tires
12. Boats and boat covers



Treat standing water with a larvicide if it cannot be eliminated. If you cannot get rid of the water, treat it with a mosquito-specific, environmentally-friendly product as "Mosquito Dunks", which are available at hardware stores and garden centers. Follow label instructions when applying.

If mosquitos are biting, consider treating your yard with an insecticide. Pay attention to areas where they hide, such as dense vegetation and ground cover. Follow label instructions.

Organize a neighborhood clean-up. Get rid of litter and debris, discard old tires and manage vegetation that mosquitoes may use as hiding places. Check all areas for standing water.



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Springfield Art Guild



Artists & Art Lovers – The Springfield Art Guild (SAG) Invites You to Our March Guest Speaker Series and our Show at the Franconia Government Center

Meetings are free and open to the public.

We hope you can join SAG for an evening with Pamela Eisenmann and learn about her Creative Process with Clay Sculptures

Pam Eisenmann grew up in a family of farmers and artists. Thinking she would be a painter when she went to college, she instead found clay. Clay work has been a constant thread throughout her life, intertwined with careers in teaching art, managing Army Arts and Crafts programs (US and overseas) and art museum safety programs. You can also see her work at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, Virginia where she sells and exhibits her work.



Pam's **Website:** eisenmannclay.com



When: Wednesday, 3/19/19

6:30-9:00PM

Where: In the auditorium at Grace Presbyterian Church, [7434 Bath St, Springfield, VA 22150](http://www.gracepresbyterian.org). Park in the lower lot on Church and come up the stairs on your left. If you have problems with stairs you can park on Bath St. and enter at the door on the right.

6:30pm - Doors open with refreshments & socializing with other local artists

7:00pm – Art talk and a Short business meeting

7:30-9:00. Guest speaker presentation

For more information about SAG and/or membership go to www.springfieldartguild.org **Newsletters:** To find out more about current SAG & art in our area [March newsletter click here.](#)

SAG is a non-profit group that serves the community's interest in fine arts, fine crafts, and photography. It's a wonderful group of artists ranging hobbyists to professionals. SAG sponsors and supports educational programs, art exhibits, juried shows, classes for adults and children, art scholarships, and local art events. Along with showcasing artists/guest speakers & events at monthly meetings, SAG invites everyone in our communi-

American Association of University Women

Alice McDermott, winner of the National Book Award for *Charming Billy*, will be the featured speaker at the annual Spring Fling. The event will be held on Saturday, March 30 at the Springfield Golf and Country Club and includes a luncheon and silent auction. Spring Fling is sponsored by the Springfield-Annandale Branch of the American Association of University Women.

This fundraiser supports AAUW programs such as fellowships, leadership development, lifelong education for women, the Legal Advocacy Fund and other similar projects.

Tickets are \$40.00. The reservation deadline is March 22.

For more information contact Absauberman@aol.com

To make a reservation: SpringFlingAAUW@gmail.com



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Springfield Acres Garden Club

We invite you to come and join us at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26th at Grace Presbyterian Church at 10 am. The program is entitled "Garden Trash to Treasure (Twigs and Garden 'Trash' turned into bird-houses etc.). The speaker, Margaretta Darshaw, will share how to create items out of twigs and garden trash.



For the lecture she will show about 10 creations, teach how to make one step-by-step, and show how to use them in table-top displays with plants and flowers, or just by themselves.

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

CERG

The Community Emergency Response Guide (CERG)

The CERG is A Resident's Guide to Community Preparedness. The site went live last month and the guide has been well received by the community. Have you had a chance to see it? You can find and download a copy of the guide at: <http://bit.ly/FFXCERG>. Download all of the guide or parts in the "CERG Plan Templates" on the left menu.

Challenge: Help us get the word out!

Host an interest meeting for your neighborhood, your place of worship or your business! The Office of Emergency Management team is ready to present at your next gathering. Request your presentation TODAY! The first 50 requests will receive emergency kit items to get your planning started! To request a presentation, visit: <http://bit.ly/FFXCERG> and fill out a presentation request!

Did you know you can find a copy of the guide at any Fairfax County library branch or District Supervisor's office? Single copies of the guide are available at these locations for your reference and to make copies of all or parts of the guide. Stop by today!

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2020 Census/Jeff McKay



Every 10 years, the United States Constitution mandates a complete count of the country's population. Census counts impact many different aspects of our lives and are extremely important for funding. On the local level, Fairfax County's population count drives how much funding it receives from the federal government and helps the County plan for future needs.

The data collected from the 2020 Census is vital for our County. In addition to a proper count, the data will lead to necessary federal funding for some of our most important programs and services such as public education, The National School Lunch Program, Housing Choice Vouchers, transportation projects, and infrastructure improvements. It is important that all residents participate in the U.S. Census because a low count could mean less federal investment in areas that need it most.

U.S. Census data will also help us better organize and structure our district lines here in the County and will lead to redistricting of congressional districts across our nation. We want to ensure everyone is properly represented at the local, state and federal levels of the government.

In preparation of the 2020 Census, Governor Northam approved an \$11.5 million budget for the creation of Complete Count Committees all across Virginia. Last year, the Board formed a 2020 Complete Count Committee for Fairfax County.

In January of this year, the committee had its first meeting. I and longtime Fairfax County resident and volunteer, Tilly Blanding, co-chair the Committee. The group of 26 community leaders, advocates, and County staff is tasked with ensuring the participation of everyone living in Fairfax County through education and public outreach; making sure all residents feel welcomed and understand the importance of the Census.

Community Advisory Committee

Franconia Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting: Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm at the Franconia District station:

- The presentation will be about financial crimes.
- Captain Greg Fried will be talking about the proposed budget followed by a Q and A period.

All are welcome and I hope to see you there!

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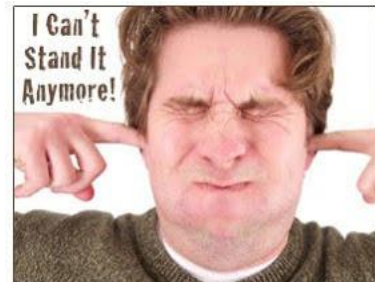
Have you ever wondered who to contact about your noisy neighbors? Fairfax County's Department of Code Compliance investigates most county neighborhood complaints.

Some of the issues the Department of Code Compliance investigates are:

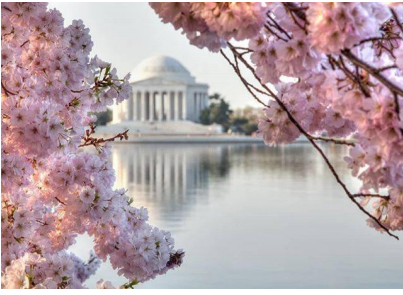
- Accessory structures/storage structures
- Animals
- Grass
- Noise
- Property Maintenance

Go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code> for a list of topics Code Compliance does or doesn't enforce and to submit a complaint. You can also call 703.324.1300.

(Parking complaints are investigated by the Police Department, not Code Compliance. To register a parking complaint, call the police non-emergency number—703.691.2131)



Washington Cherry Blossoms



Japan gave 3,020 cherry blossom trees as a gift to the United States in 1912 to celebrate the nations' then-growing friendship, replacing an earlier gift of 2,000 trees which had to be destroyed due to disease in 1910. These trees were planted in Sakura Park in Manhattan and line the shore of the Tidal Basin and the roadway in East Potomac Park in Washington, D.C. The first two original trees were planted by first lady Helen Taft and Viscountess Chinda on the bank of the Tidal Basin. The gift was renewed with another 3,800 trees in 1965. In Washington, D.C. the cherry blossom trees continue to be a popular tourist attraction (and the subject of the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival) when they reach full bloom in early spring. Just outside of Washington, D.C., the suburb of Kenwood in Bethesda, Maryland has roughly 1,200 trees that are popular with locals and tourists.

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September Meeting
Tuesday, March 2019

Crestwood Elementary
Social time: 7:00
Meeting: 7:30

Program:
Lee District
Candidates Night

PLEASE JOIN US!



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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