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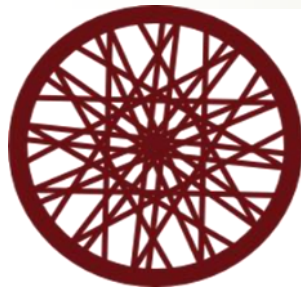
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# Springfield Civic Association

Where we all come together

## *President's Message—Bruce Waggoner*

Dear Springfield Civic Association (SCA) Neighbors,

On behalf of the SCA Board, I wish you a cheerful spring season. Other than nature sprouting, I noticed today that there are new signs of life at the LIDL property on Commerce and Brandon. Soon we will see construction on the newest store in our midst although I expect more site preparation is necessary before walls and a roof appear. Meanwhile, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) headquarters construction and fitting out continues apace. We are receiving a combined jolt of public and private investment in Springfield; both are much needed and much appreciated.

However, we will endure some aggravation on this path to renewal involving improved infrastructure to support a better business and more vibrant transportation climate. I refer specifically to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority's (WMATA) summer shutdown of the Franconia-Springfield Blue Line from its terminus to Braddock Road, and the construction of the commuter parking facility on the south side of Old Keene Mill Road near the Springfield Methodist Church. Yes,

there will be pain, but the long-term gains will benefit Springfield for decades spurring further growth and interest in our part of Fairfax County.

The SCA's May 21st meeting at Crestwood Elementary School will amplify the themes of renewal and transportation. After elections for the 2019-2020 season and a local business beautification awards update, our topics will be:

- 1. WMATA's proposed plans and expected impacts**
- 2. Fairfax County Department of Transportation's metrics for obtaining residential parking districts**
- 3. Slugging and the commuter parking facility**
- 4. Lake Accotink Park update**

We think our agenda worthwhile and useful for a busy community where change is a regular theme. Come out and join your neighbors; you will be made welcome. The social period runs from 7:00 - 7:30pm with business beginning promptly at 7:30. We adjourn no later than 9:00pm.

My best regards to You and Yours,  
Bruce Waggoner  
SCA/President

**May Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 21**  
**Crestwood ES**

**Social time—7:00pm**  
**Meeting—7:30pm**

**Program:**  
**WMATA**  
**Metro Closings**  
**Lake Accotink**  
**Update**



## Jeff McKay's Update



Hello!

It is hard to believe we are already into May. Time is flying by as the Board works on numerous items, including our budget. As the weather heats up so does our Board's busy season.

In addition to finalizing the FY2020 Budget, our Board has also approved several notable items including major investments in our priorities, such as the environment and affordable housing, as well as ensure we'll continue making progress on body-worn cameras for police and early childhood education.

### Board of Supervisors Recap

As we get deeper into Spring, the Board is working hard to accomplish everything on our agenda. Below is a summary of what the Board has been up to this past month. If you'd like to access full summaries of all Board Meetings, click [here](#).

- The Board approved my Board Matter on funding for Energy and Climate Planning. This asked the board to consider \$276,749 and two positions for Energy and Climate Planning be added as a Consideration Item for the FY 2020 Budget I further moved that a consideration item for contractual support for the development of a Community-Wide Energy and Climate Act Plan be prepared for the FY 2019 Carryover Review, which was also approved.
- The Board adopted a new ordinance for the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program, a private loan program to assist commercial, industrial and nonprofit property owners to make energy-efficient, renewable energy, water-saving and climate resiliency improvements to their properties.
- The Board approved a request to the Virginia Department of Transportation that all current and future VDOT projects located in Fairfax County meet the county's local storm water management regulations. This is significant because in order for VDOT to acquire any system (like a road or stormwater pond) it must be up to VDOT standards before it is acquired. In the past, the County and VDOT have held varying stormwater management regulations.
- The Board approved my Board Matter recommending the adoption of the recommended principles contained in the Report of the Embark Housing Advisory Group, which was presented to the Board in February of this year. According to the report, the group found no net loss of affordable units along the Route One Corridor and recommended numerous preservation and expansion strategies They include: Using County-owned land/facilities for affordable housing and working with local Public-Private Partnerships to offer density bonuses and parking incentives among other things.



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## *Commuter Updates: Try Slugging!*

### **Springfield's New Commuter Parking Garage Will be Unlike any other in Fairfax County. This One Will Be Full of Slugs.**

**-Nicole Miller**

It seems like only yesterday I climbed into the backseat of a total stranger's car for the first time. This stranger was taking me all the way to work, and it cost me nothing. It cost my host only the gas they would have used anyway. Since then, my mom has said countless times, "You are riding in cars with strangers? Is that safe?" Known as Slugging, or organized hitchhiking, this ride-share system allows drivers to utilize the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and cut 30 or more minutes off their commute. During rush hour, drivers in the "Regular Lanes" as they are commonly referred to, gaze longingly at the cars rushing by in the HOV lanes. And in answer to my mom's question, slugging is one of the safest forms of commuting in Northern Virginia. Since the phenomena was created, there have been no reported crimes against sluggers.

What is slugging you probably wonder? Slugging is a ride-share system, sometimes also referred to as Riding in Cars with Strangers, The People's Transit, and Community Carpooling. By 6:00 A.M. a line of commuters in blue and grey business suits, military uniforms, etc. stretches down the sidewalk. The sluggers stand quietly, patiently waiting for their turn to receive a free ride, while drivers line up to pick up passengers and become eligible to use the special "HOV-3" routes, open only to cars holding three passengers or more. A vehicle pulls up to the curb and the driver announces his/her destination to the person at the head of the line – the "caller", who is responsible for relaying the information to the sluggers behind. There are established drop-off and return pickup locations throughout D.C.

There are rules of course: no smoking, no eating or drinking, no phone calls, no messing with the radio, no makeup application, no personal hygiene, no cutting in line, etc. Riders can check their phones, email, read a book, or sleep, and usually there is no talking. A thorough list of slug-line etiquette can be found at [www.slug-lines.com](http://www.slug-lines.com). Through the power of social media, I and my admin team have developed the largest social media group for slugging in all of Virginia. We share pertinent information on traffic jams, car accidents, transportation news, items left behind in vehicles, and more.

Slugging has been around for nearly 50 years and Springfield is the first recorded slug-line to Washington D.C. Springfield "Bobs" is the name for the 265-space commuter lot. located across the street from the Springfield Plaza between the Sunoco gas station and Springfield United Methodist Church on Old Keene Mill Road. Fairfax County also leases 265 parking spaces from Springfield Plaza, 100 from the American Legion, and 53 from Springfield United Methodist Church.

Slugging provides an avenue for cost savings that allows many to afford Fairfax County's rising home prices. With median home prices steadily rising, the savings from slugging can provide some relief. The average parking garage in Washington D.C. charges \$25 a day for parking, or \$270-\$400 a month. With the anticipated tolls coming to 395, the influx of top paying organizations relocating to Northern Virginia, and the possibility that the daily commute could skyrocket to \$30-\$40 or more, Slugging is growing in popularity.

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## *Commuter Updates: Try Slugging! (cont'd)*

Recently, the slug-line community has overgrown their current location in Springfield. Depending on the day, telework schedules, etc. available parking at “Bobs” exists until 7:30 A.M. Once full, riders must look for alternative places for parking in the area while risking being ticketed and/or towed. After thousands of phone calls from local residents complaining about the sheer number of commuter vehicles in their neighborhoods, many surrounding neighborhoods have erected no parking signs, no commuter signs, and established residential parking restrictions. Fairfax County heard the slug-line community’s cry for help, and with the assistance of the Board of Supervisors, entered into agreement for construction of a multi-modal parking garage. Funding for this project came from a Federal Transit Authority Grant allowing the Board of Supervisors to plan and construct a roughly \$63 million dollar parking facility. They even agreed to erect a bridge for pedestrians to cross Old Keene Mill Road.

The transportation team from Lee District held community outreach meetings and worked with the slug-line community while simultaneously making necessary adjustments for public satisfaction. Not all are satisfied with the final design. Some local homeowners are still very much dissatisfied with the placement relative to their property; however, all agree that without this garage there simply is not enough space for parking in Springfield. The slug-line community shared concern with the seven bus bays that will exist on the ground floor of the garage, however Fairfax County agreed to continue the current leases.

Once the construction begins, the 265-space parking lot currently housing the slug operations will close displacing slugs to alternate locations. Leases are currently being signed by area businesses for hosting slug-lines and for providing additional leased parking. Both will be announced in the near future, as lease negotiations are finalized.

Slugging will endure and continue to grow. The bottom line is that Slugging is the most effective, efficient, and ultimately the fastest way to get to work at a price that can’t be beat!



## *Richard Byrd Library*



The Richard Byrd Library originally began as a storefront in 1958. The building at the current location opened in March 1965 and was completely renovated in 2010. The library received certification with a Gold rating under the Leadership Energy Environmental Design (LEED) program, sponsored by the U.S. Green Building Council. A distinctive feature of the new library is our weathervane, an accurate replica of the airplane flown by Admiral Byrd during his exploration of Antarctica and his flight over the South Pole.

We offer free Internet access, technology tutoring, programs for children and adults, a weekly English conversation group, and meeting space for the Springfield community. The library has books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, and recorded books. Reflecting the diversity of our community, we provide materials for learning English and a World language collection for all ages.

### **Events in the next month:**

- [Toddler Time](#) 10:30am - 11:00am Wednesday, May 15, 2019
- [LEGOs in the Library](#) 4:30pm - 6:00pm Thursday, May 16, 2019
- [Springfield Writer's Group](#) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday, May 16, 2019
- [Girls Too Code](#) 10:30am - 1:30pm Saturday, May 18, 2019
- [Walk-in Tech Help](#) 11:00am - 12:00pm Saturday, May 18, 2019
- [CoderDojo: Teaching Kids to Code at Richard Byrd Library](#) 1:00pm - 3:00pm Saturday, May 18, 2019
- [QiGong](#) 10:30am - 12:00pm Monday, May 20, 2019
- [Baby Play & Explore](#) 2:00pm - 3:30pm Monday, May 20, 2019
- [Financial Literacy Workshop: Home Mortgage Origination](#) 7:00pm - 8:30pm Monday, May 20, 2019
- [English Conversation Group](#) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday, May 21, 2019
- [Caterpillars and Polar Bears!](#) 10:30am - 11:30am Wednesday, May 22, 2019
- [Walk-in Tech Help](#) 11:00am - 12:00pm Saturday, May 25, 2019
- [Fairfax County Public Library is closed for the Memorial Day holiday](#) All Day Event Monday, May 27, 2019
- [English Conversation Group](#) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday, May 28, 2019
- [Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Used Book Sale.](#) 1:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday, May 30, 2019
- [Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Used Book Sale](#) 10:00am - 6:00pm Friday, May 31, 2019
- [Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Used Book Sale.](#) 10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday, June 1, 2019
- [Walk-in Tech Help](#) 11:00am - 12:00pm Saturday, June 1, 2019
- [Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Used Book Sale.](#) 12:00pm - 2:00pm Sunday, June 2, 2019
- [English Conversation Group](#) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday, June 4, 2019
- [Springfield Writer's Group](#) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday, June 6, 2019
- [Coffee and a Classic-Cancelled](#) 10:30am - 12:30pm Friday, June 7, 2019
- [Accessing Health Mind/Body Series: Mindfulness](#) 10:30am - 12:00pm Saturday, June 8, 2019
- [Walk-in Tech Help](#) 11:00am - 12:00pm Saturday, June 8, 2019

## Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update



### Huge Summer Book Sale

Great bargains throughout

Thursday, May 30, 1:00-9:00 pm.

Sale is 1:00-3:00 for Friends members (join at the door)

Open to the public 3:00-9:00 pm

All ages


Friday, May 31, 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am-5:00 pm


Sunday, June 2, 12:00-2:00 pm

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





**FRIENDS OF RICHARD BYRD LIBRARY**  
**HUGE USED BOOK SALE**  
**MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
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**IT'S SUMMER!**

**WHERE:** Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 30: 3:00 – 9:00 pm  
Friday, May 31: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Saturday, June 1: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sunday, June 2: 12:00 – 2:00 pm **BAG SALE!**

**WHAT:** Books, most for \$1 and \$2 or less, plus loads of CDs, DVDs, and special birthday, Father's Day, and Graduation offerings for children and adults.

**WHY:** Funds raised will pay for our children's programs and much, much more!

## *Trails for Youth*

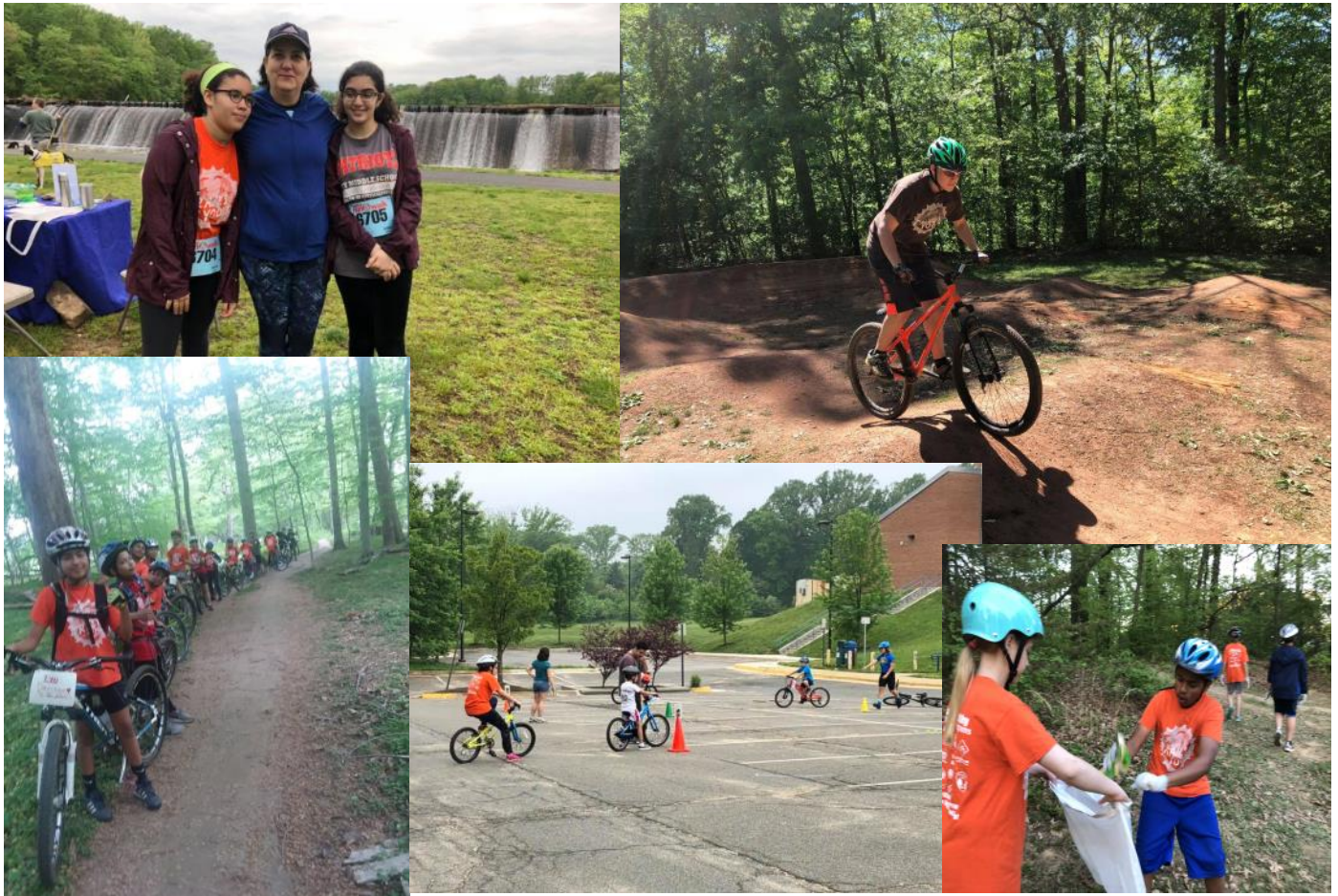
### **TrailsforYouth.Org Supporting Our Community Through Bicycling**

As a local Springfield non-profit, we believe in supporting our community in our efforts and programs as best we can with our resources. Our greatest resources are our dedicated volunteers and families that recognize the importance for all families to get outside and be active in nature. With this in mind, we have been busy despite the rainy weather! In recent weeks we have led over 25 local youth from Crestwood, Lynbrook, Garfield, Springfield Estates, Key and Lee on nature bike rides. Perhaps you have seen our group biking at Lake Accotink? We are hard to miss in our bright orange t-shirts and smiles. A favorite part of these rides are when we hear the kids nicely saying “passing on your left, have a nice day” to every person they pass and hearing the pure joy in their voices. Being outdoors in the park and bicycling is cathartic and uplifting to so many, but especially those kids who don’t even own a bike, so riding with us is their only opportunity to do so. As Diego said one night, “I feel so good after I bike!”

In late April we supported several local events. One Sunday morning we were happy to sweep and support Metro Run and Walk’s Lake Accotink 6k. It was wonderful to see so many people out walking or bicycling the full lake loop to help raise money for local charities (thank you!). If you haven’t seen us at Lake Accotink, perhaps you have seen some of us at the Crestwood Bicycle Rodeo? Our Jr. Counselors and volunteers were helping youth learn skills to bike safely in and around the neighborhood, park/trails or to/from school. We were happy to lend our expertise and support to help keep our local kids safe while biking.

Perhaps you have seen some TYO youth volunteers at Brookfield Park cleaning up trash or repairing the bicycle pump track? They spent many hours moving dirt and making the pump track flow. The pump track is a fun way to improve your bike handling skills while also getting an all over workout.

We are looking forward late spring and summer outdoor programs to support our community youth. If you see us on the trails say hi. If you are interested in TrailsforYouth.Org, drop us an email ([Julie@trailsforyouth.org](mailto:Julie@trailsforyouth.org)) or follow us facebook for more smiles and accomplishments from our community youth. Thank you to all in the SCA for your continued support of our programs and efforts, we truly appreciate all you do for the community and TrailsforYouth.Org’s youth. We hope to see you on the trails soon.



## *Traffic Calming*

Do you know of a neighborhood road that needs a traffic calming study? Contact Joan Clark, Staff Assistant to the Lee District Board of Supervisors at [joan.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:joan.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov). To qualify for a study by the Fairfax County's Department of Transportation, the road must meet the following criteria:

- Be in the state system of highways owned and maintained by VDOT.
- Be classified as a local, collector, or arterial road.
- Function as a residential street.
- Have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour (MPH).
- Have a traffic volume between 500-6,000 vehicles in a 24-hour period.
- Have an 85th percentile speed of at least 35 MPH in at least one direction.

## *VDOT 24 Hour Customer Service Center*

**1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623)**

Call the Virginia Department of Transportation's Customer Service Center at 1-800-367-7623 around the clock. TTY users can call 711.

- Report all unsafe and hazardous road conditions
- Report work requests for state-maintained roads
- Ask questions about VDOT



## *Bike to Work Day*

**Date: May 18, 2019**

**Time: 6:30am to 8:30am EDT**

**Website: Register Online at <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>**

**Event Description:**

There will be two Bike to Work Day pit stops in the Greater Springfield area welcoming bicyclists with refreshments, friendly smiles and encouragement. Each pit stop will provide registered attendees with free t-shirts and chances to win bicycles and other great prizes. Please be sure to [REGISTER ONLINE](#) to be eligible for the free t-shirts and prize raffle.

**Pit Stop Location:** Burke VRE Station Pit Stop (10399 Premier Court, 22015) - near the train platform. For more information contact Nohemy Miranda, 703-877-5600, [nohemy.miranda@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:nohemy.miranda@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Pit Stop Location:** Springfield/Metro Park Pit Stop (6354 Walker Lane, 22310) - at the gazebo. For more information contact Kim Clarke, 703-866-3500, [kim@springfieldchamber.org](mailto:kim@springfieldchamber.org).



## *ECHO News*

Local postal carriers (usually called our mailmen and mailwomen) worked extra hard on May 11 to help **Stamp Out Hunger!** They collected canned and boxed food donations from local residents as they went about their regular deliveries. The food collected by the carriers was given to ECHO for distribution to people in need who live in our community. This major food drive is a vital source of food that helps carry ECHO through the summer months when there are few formal donation drives. Please thank your postal carrier when you have a chance!

On June 10 and 11, Spartans Restaurant, 9542 Burke Road, will share proceeds from all meals, carry-out or dining in, with ECHO. Those who want to be a part of ECHO's mission simply by enjoying a delicious meal can download the flyer at ECHO's website and print it, or show it on a cellphone, or just tell your server you are there to support ECHO. The donations ECHO needs most this month include, 2# bags of sugar, boxed potato products, pancake syrup, deodorant, and shampoo. Household items needed are drinking glasses and all sizes of pots and pans. Summer is on its way, so the clothing we are hoping for includes children's shorts as well as men's shorts in medium or small sizes. 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.

Volunteering at ECHO requires a commitment of time and attention to a task, but volunteers are "paid" with satisfaction and the camaraderie of other interesting people who want to make a difference in our community. ECHO maintains a list of currently needed volunteer positions at [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org) under the Volunteer tab. Most volunteer positions are designed for those who can commit long term, but, after June 1, ECHO will start signing up teen and adult volunteers to work on the Backpack Program for one or more sessions during July and August. Watch the website to find out how to sign up.

### **Food Drives**

June - Westwood Baptist and St. Mark's Lutheran

### **Upcoming Dates to Note**

May 20 - Board of Dir Meeting, 7:30 at ECHO  
May 27 - Closed for Memorial Day  
June 8 - Saturday Opening  
June 10, 11 - Fundraiser at Spartans Restaurant, Burke

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

[Become a Tutor or Mentor for Local Students](#)  
[ECHO Needs These Things Now](#)  
[Donations ECHO Cannot Accept](#)  
[Find us on Facebook](#)  
[Volunteer Positions ECHO Needs Right Now](#)  
[Donate Money](#)

## *Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)*

### HELP LAKE ACCOTINK

FLAP is your official Care Taker of Lake Accotink Park – LAP (Trail, Lake Clean-ups, Educational Programs, Pollinator Educational Garden, Community LAP focused events and liaison with FCPA for Lake Accotink Park Master Plan) . See our website at <https://www.accotink.org/FLAP/> and social media for impactful volunteer opportunities.



# VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN OUR Lake Accotink Trails



**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of every Month  
**TIME:** 9:00am -11:00ish  
**WHERE:** Several Meeting Locations

- \*Lake Accotink Trail entrance Ellet and Inverchapel Road
- \*Lake Accotink Marina
- \*Lake Accotink Trail entrance at the end of Danberry Forest Drive (Kirkham and Uxbridge Ct Playground)
- \*Lake Accotink Trail entrance Queensbury and Hatteress

**ACTIVITIES:** Meet at one of the above locations, pick-up trash bags from our Volunteer lead and hit the trail to fill your trash bags with debris carelessly dumped, dropped - forgotten  
**Note:** Long sleeves, gloves, boots and long pants are encouraged

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsoflakeaccotinkpark/>



## *The Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.*

At our luncheon last month, the Woman's Club of Springfield installed its new officers for the 2019-2021 Club Years. Our new officers are: President, Carol Barron; 1st Vice President, Beverly Stoltz; 2nd Vice President, Susan Edson; Corresponding Secretary, Patty Toler; Secretaries, Shirley Coling and Bobbie Chappell; and Treasurer, Val Turner. Peggy Schlegelmilch, Northern District President, GFWC Virginia, was on hand to install our officers.

We are happy to present a \$3,000.00 scholarship to a worthy young woman from Robert E. Lee High School this year. We are also giving three \$1,500 scholarships to previous winners to help see them through school. Our Scholarship Committee will interview applicants the week of May 6th, and a winner will be chosen. The winner will be our guest at our Annual Pot-Luck Scholarship Dinner on June 11th at 6:00 p.m., at Grace Presbyterian Church. We look forward to meeting this year's winner and hearing about her plans for the future. This is always a highlight of our Club Year.



Our Club takes a break from meetings for the months of July and August, and we will have our first meeting of the new Club Year on Tuesday, September 10th, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings. If you are interested in learning more about us, please visit us at [www.womansclubofspringfield.org](http://www.womansclubofspringfield.org) or on Facebook. You may also come visit us at the Pink Elephant Shop and speak to anyone who is there or contact our Membership Chairman, Beverly Stoltz, at 703/941-4501.



And, don't forget to consign, donate and shop at The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop in the Concord Shopping Center. We are open Monday through Thursday and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Consignments are taken from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each day we are open.

## *Virginia Department of Elections—Voter Eligibility*

### **To be Eligible to Register to Vote in Virginia a Person must:**

- Be a resident of Virginia (a person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes).
- Be a U. S. Citizen.
- Be 18 years old (any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored.

### **Registration Deadlines:**

- General Elections = 22 Days before the election
- Primaries—22 Days before the primary
- Special Elections—14 Days before the election
- Special (Called by the Governor) - 7 Days before the election

## Social Security Scam

A new scam you will be seeing and hearing more of puts your social security number at risk. In fact, the FTC's Data Spotlight report finds that reports about social security scammers are increasing, while reports about the IRS imposters have decreased. There has been a recent increase in the number of reports from citizens stating scammers claiming to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) are calling to advise citizens their social security number (SSN) has been suspended because of suspicious activity or being involved in a crime. Sometimes, the scammer will request the citizen confirm their SSN to reactivate it, or will ask for a payoff to keep our SSN or bank accounts safe.

### Here's what to know:

- Your SSN is not suspended or about to be suspended.
- You should not verify your SSN to anyone who calls out of the blue.
- Your bank accounts are not about to be seized.
- The SSA will never call to threaten you or your benefits.
- The SSA will not ask you to send money in any form (wire/cash/gift cards). Anyone asking you to do so is a scammer EVERY TIME.
- The real phone number to the SSA is 1-800-772-1213, but be aware that scammers can "spoof" the phone number and make that number show up on your caller ID. If you are worried, hang up and call that number directly.

### Here's what to do:

- If you received one of these phone calls, file a report at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint)
- If you gave your SSN to a caller and are worried about identity theft, or if you know someone used your SSN to open an account, visit [identitytheft.gov](https://identitytheft.gov).



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★ ★ ★ ★ ★

*"Facilitated the sale of our home within a few weeks, late in the summer, and at a very reasonable price, despite me having to go on military orders around the closing. We could not have asked for better service and care for our home!"*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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## *Chamber of Commerce*

### **First Responders, Citizens Honored for Bravery, Compassion and Zeal**

#### ***Greater Springfield Chamber Honors 9 Individuals and Units at Valor Awards Breakfast***

**Springfield, VA** – A civilian who assisted Fairfax County Police officers in apprehending a shoplifting suspect, a detective who took a simple credit card case and followed it until it resulted in uncovering a nationwide conspiracy and an officer who took a runaway teen under his wing were among those honored Friday by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at its Valor Awards Breakfast.

The event recognizes first responders in the Greater Springfield area who go beyond their job description to provide exemplary service to the community.

More than 100 businessmen and businesswomen, first responders and elected officials attended the breakfast at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. Staci Redmon, president of Strategy and Management Services Inc. (SAMS), served as master of ceremonies. Col. Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Fairfax County police chief, presented the keynote speech.

Roessler noted Fairfax County is the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States while maintaining the lowest officer-to-resident ratio of any major U.S. city.

“However, there is no magic formula to the Police Department in and of itself to have that low crime rate,” he said. “We are blessed that this word ‘engagement’ is throughout Fairfax County because engagement helps us prevent and fight crime.” In addition to engagement with community groups such as the Greater Springfield and other chambers, Roessler credited the Police Department’s close relationships with the Sheriff’s Office and Fire and Rescue Department for keeping the county safe.

The awards were presented in four categories: Lifesaving Award, Certificate of Valor, Meritorious Civilian Award and Unit Citation. The recipients were (extended information attached):

The Lifesaving Award was presented to Fairfax County Police Private First Class Robert Marshall, who, at great personal risk, prevented a subject from committing suicide.

Certificates of Valor went to three recipients, including Detective Angelena Griffiths of the West Springfield Criminal Investigations Section, who maintains the highest successful closure rate among all property crimes detectives in the entire county and is responsible for uncovering the nationwide stolen credit card conspiracy. Also honored in this category was Fairfax County Police Officer Andrew Zelms of the West Springfield District Station, who took a runaway teen under his wing and kept him safe, warm and fed until he could be reunited with his Maryland social worker. The third honoree was Master Tech Hyun Lee, probationary trainer at Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department’s Fire Station 427, who is credited with training new recruits to the highest standards.

Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS) Dave Saunders and Eric Oginsky received the Meritorious Civilian Awards. Saunders received the honor for the countless hours he volunteers at the West Springfield District Station. Oginsky was honored for helping Fairfax County police safely apprehend a shoplifting suspect at the Springfield Town Center.

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## *Chamber of Commerce (cont'd)*

The Chamber awarded three Unit Citations: A Sheriff's Office team that secured a facility during an active shooter call, Lt. Ilsa Blaney, head of the Fairfax County Police Department's highly effective West Springfield District Criminal Investigations Section, and the Fairfax County Police Department's Christmas Anti-Theft Team (CATT), which kept the Springfield Town Center safe during the 2018 holiday shopping season.



Jessica Walters, chair of the Greater Springfield Chamber Board of Directors, presented plaques and certificates to the honorees.



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## Springfield Art Guild



### The Springfield Art Guild (SAG) Invites You to Join Us for an Evening with Clare Winslow Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meetings are free and open to the public.



SAG is delighted to have Clare Winslow, a Maryland artist, as our May 2019 Guest Speaker. She creates semi-abstract organic prints and paintings about the earth, the passage of time and her emotional response to current events. She works with a wide variety of media including acrylics, printmaking, textiles, papermaking and digital art.

*Clare will give us a brief overview of her favorite aspects of printmaking and demonstrate water based gelatin printing, a technique you can do at home.*

Clare has made it her mission to help people experience “art’s transformative power.” She believes “Whether art is something you create or collect, it can soothe anxiety, energize your soul, and enrich your life.”

Clare teaches art at the Triangle Art Studios in Bethesda Maryland, the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center in Hyattsville, Yellow Barn Studio and VisArts in Rockville, MD.

She loves working with students of all levels—from hesitant beginners eager to try something new to experienced artists seeking to expand the boundaries of their creative practice. Her goal is to reach as many people as she can and she plans to launch online art courses in the near future. Stay tuned! You learn more about Clare and her art at [Clare Winslow Contemporary Art](#).

**When:** Wednesday, May 8th; 6:30-9:00PM

**Where:** In the auditorium at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St, Springfield, VA 22150. 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 – Learn about Art events 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](http://www.springfieldartguild.org) **Newsletters:** In our newsletter you find out more about current SAG & art in our area

**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 community to enjoy SAG’s website, our online newsletter, members’ gallery, and links to members’ Web pages. By joining SAG, local artists can participate in the full range of SAG activities, shows, network with other artists, and help promote and enlarge our service to SAG members and the community at large.

## *Sponsor Spotlight*

### **Springfield Swimming Club**

**Gary Bangs, President**

Interviewed by Barbara Coder

The Springfield Civic Association is proud to call the Springfield Swimming Club one of its many valued sponsors. The Springfield Swimming Club has been a fixture of the Crestwood neighborhood since 1955. This non-profit membership and guest facility is conveniently located in the heart of the community at 7400 Highland Street. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend and remains open through Labor Day. During the summer season the pool is open Monday-Thursday 11am-8pm and Friday and Saturday the pool stays open for an additional hour to 9pm.

The Swimming Club pool is a great place to meet other families from the neighborhood in a relaxing atmosphere. The Swimming Club currently has about 100 members. The club offers family, couples, singles and limited access memberships ranging that range from \$500 to a few hundred dollars. The Swimming Club has three outdoor pools including a competitive 25 meter pool with six lanes, an intermediate pool and a wading pool. Professional life guards are on site to monitor activities and provide a safe environment. The Swimming Club sponsors youth swim and dive teams that compete at the pool as part of the Northern Virginia Swim League on Saturday mornings. The pool has several amenities that can be used by members including grills, picnic tables, and a pavilion that can be rented for special events.

Current Springfield Swimming Club President Gary Bangs invites those who may be interested in becoming members of the pool to check out the club's website at [www.swimspringfield.org](http://www.swimspringfield.org) for more information. The Springfield Swimming Club provides endless hours of summer fun for all members of the community. The Swimming Club's oldest member is 99 years old and has been a member since the club's inception.

The Springfield Civic Association is thankful for the Springfield Swimming Club for its continued sponsorship. Financial support provided by the Swimming Club helps the SCA serve the needs of the central Springfield community.





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