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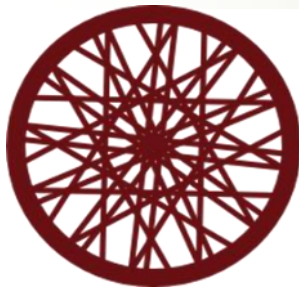
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President's Message—Gail Nittle

Greetings!

It must seem like the past month or so SCA communications have been dominated by a flyer and petition opposing the proposed Southern Drive dewatering site option. That's because they have! Up until January 2022, the Southern Drive site was not even an option. All of a sudden, it appeared!! We have had to play catch-up informing and educating our neighbors as well as speaking with County officials about how unacceptable this option is, for a multitude of reasons. There is actually nothing good about this proposal for Crestwood/Lynbrook/Central Springfield! No one is happy about the removal of trees (in either the Wakefield Park or Southern Drive option) ... but our strong objections to the egregious Southern Drive option, especially compared to the relatively issue-free Wakefield Park option, make it something the SCA had to take a stand against.



In the SCA Constitution, the SCA is charged as follows:

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to stimulate interest in and to devise ways and means for the promotion of the civic community and general welfare. Special attention shall be given to private and public development in the central Springfield area.

Section 2. The Association shall be strictly non-partisan and non-sectarian. It reserves the right, however, to propose, oppose or support any legislation affecting the welfare of the Springfield area.

This is not a partisan issue! The Southern Drive option strikes at the heart of our community's general welfare and safety! If chosen, it would also impact private as well as public development in the central Springfield area. Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk has expressed his opposition to the Southern Drive option in a letter you can read on page 5.

If you haven't already done so, please sign the SCA petition <https://form.jotform.com/220456937389166>

Visit our website for more information <https://springfieldcivic.org/>



Our March 15th general membership meeting will feature Charles Smith, Chief, Watershed Projects Implementation Branch – Central Stormwater Planning Division. He has been at the forefront of the Lake Accotink dredging project from the beginning. Please join us to hear all about the current proposals. The meeting will begin at 7 pm. Send your questions ahead of time to springfieldcivic@yahoo.com

Looking forward to seeing you on March 15th at 7 pm!

~Gail

March Meeting
March 15, 2022
7:00 pm
via Zoom

Topic:
Lake Accotink Dredging Project
with
Charles Smith
Project Director/
Central Stormwater
Planning Division

Lake Accotink Dredging Project Overview

The Springfield Civic Association has been following developments in the Lake Accotink dredging project. Recently, many community members attended a virtual briefing on the project. The briefing may be viewed online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/lake-accotink-dredging-ac89-0009>.

Since the viewing, the SCA board and other concerned community members have developed a position on the current project proposals. Only two proposed dredging sites remain on the official planning documents. One of those sites involves trucking all of the silt collected during the operation through our neighborhood, using 96 dump trucks per day, five days per week, for a total of three years. After the completion of the project, additional maintenance dredging would be required every three years. Our evaluation of the project identifies multiple concerns.

Concerns:

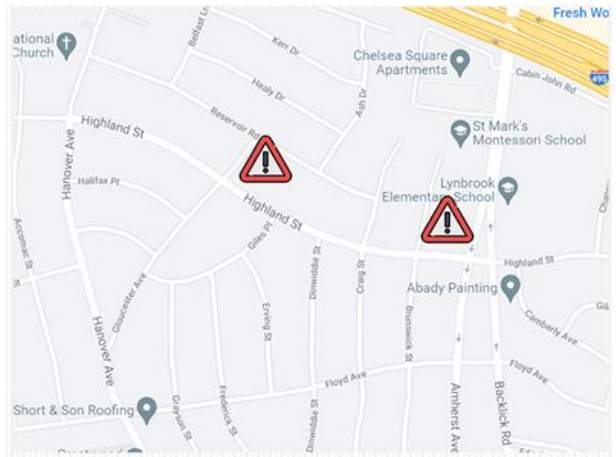
The **Safe Streets for All** program is a priority in Fairfax County, and is of special interest to our neighborhood with its composite of economic diversity. The Safe Streets program states as a goal the completion of an active transportation safety audit within a mile of each public park, community service location, and high capacity transit route. The proposed truck route, passing through multiple public service locations, would fail this audit.

“Despite making up only 4% of the U.S. vehicle fleet, trucks account for 7% of all pedestrian and 12% of all motor vehicle occupant fatalities. Over the past year, even while overall traffic fatalities slightly declined, fatalities involving large trucks jumped 9%.”
National Association of City Transportation Officials, 2019

Highland Street is a residential street, not a commercial street, and cannot be regarded as such. The industrial park appears to be an accident of questionable rezoning, and does not have the infrastructure to support an industrial site. While efforts to mitigate the hazards of this site have failed to pass VDOT funding attempts, the idea that Southern Drive is an “industrial park” is a fallacy, and the zoning records will require inspection to determine what mitigations can eventually be put into place.

Traffic Trouble Spots have been identified along the proposed truck route.

Traveling east on Highland Street, vehicles don’t see opposing traffic turning left onto Gloucester. Approaching the traffic signal at Highland and Backlick, traffic splits into two lanes. Trucks entering Highland from Backlick drive over the sidewalk to avoid hitting vehicles waiting for the light. This spot is already identified as in the middle range for number of accidents for pedestrians and bicyclists.

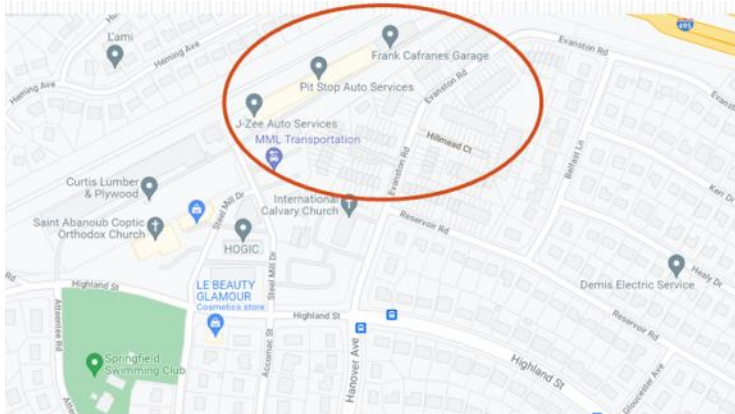


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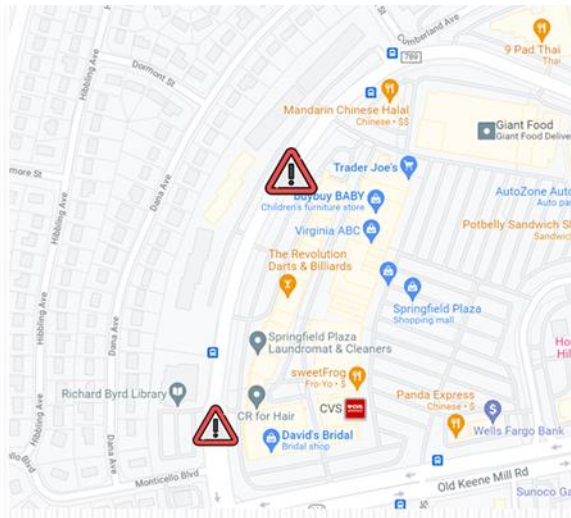
Exiting the Highland Business Park

Approximately 35 businesses at this commercial business park are located at this site, including two transportation companies with many vehicles entering and exiting per day, a cleaning service with a fleet of vehicles, and a church with a preschool. Our prediction: some of that traffic will re-route onto Hanover, traveling during high volume times past Crestwood Elementary and the preschool at St. Christopher's Church.



Commerce Street Hazards

Springfield Garden Apartments, already lacking adequate safe crosswalks to Springfield Plaza, will be buzzed with the dump trucks all day. The Richard Byrd Library entrance and exit, both north and south, will be impassable during the dredging periods. This all creates negative impact of traffic into and out of the shopping plaza.



Want to Revitalize Here?

Revitalization Impact – the Revitalization staff was unaware of the potential dredging. What input would they provide? How would this potentially impact investors to this critical area? Parking Garage Impact – how will additional truck traffic impede use of the new garage?



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Lake Accotink Dredging Project Overview, cont'd

Community Input

The SCA provided a public petition to solicit comments about the proposed dredging sites. We encourage you to view and **sign the petition here:** <https://form.jotform.com/220456937389166>
Hundreds of comments have been received to date. Some examples:

"As a resident of Springfield and Executive Director of TrailsforYouth.Org that serves hundreds of Springfield citizens in our two decades of local programs, I am fully against the option of trucking sediment through the Crestwood Springfield neighborhoods for silt/sediment removal. The park must prioritize other options that don't unfairly and unsafely penalize the families of the John R. Lewis pyramid of schools. This option fails to recognize the important environmental justice issue of equal and safe access to our park. This option creates an increased risk and harm to the citizens and communities east of Lake Accotink Park. Currently, the communities east of Lake Accotink Park that walk or bike must share the road with all vehicular traffic to gain access. This access point for families east of the Lake already bears additional stress more than other higher affluent surrounding neighborhoods. Adding 96 truck-loads of sediment each day for three years to this already treacherous access point creates further hardship and risk to these communities. The identified truck sediment removal route also adversely impacts several other Springfield communities and pedestrians as they walk or bike to daily shopping, offices, schools and the library creating additional unnecessary risks to our citizens. Trucking the sediment via our neighborhood roads is unacceptable and the park must consider options that don't place our east Accotink community citizens in harm's way. "

"I am a county employee and resident, and feel this proposal is not

in keeping with the One Fairfax philosophy of "intentionally considering equity when making policies or delivering programs and services."

The "residents in this neighborhood deserve an equitable opportunity to succeed— regardless of their race, color, sex, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, disability, income or where they live," including an environmentally safe place for its pedestrians and bike riders on their way to work. 50% of these residents receive free and reduced meals at the school these trucks will roll by every day, and the overcrowded apartments they'll pass already have inadequate crosswalks.

Where is the equity in the decision to send 96 trucks per day, 5 days a week, for three years, through the Crestwood neighborhood, when there are perfectly acceptable alternatives that won't impact residents that are already underserved?"

"Springfield is a unique, urbanized, tourist, business, and transit-oriented hub surrounded by diverse neighborhoods, jampacked into a small geographic area. Our 1950's neighborhood has ridden a wild ride of transformation and we are at capacity. We struggle to preserve a safe, walkable, family-oriented quality of life within our section of this hub while advocating and volunteering for the success of our revitalization district and commuter garage. The trucking route negates every aspect of what we have fought for long and hard, alongside our County government partners, to improve. Clearly, a consultant firm would not be familiar with all the intricacies of impact this plan would have on the entire area. Please reject this plan to ensure the success of your multi-million dollar projects and to continue your advocacy for a safe, desirable and vibrant Springfield community. "




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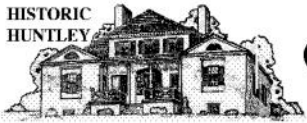
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A Message from Supervisor Lusk Concerning Lake Accotink



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RODNEY L. LUSK
 LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Dear Resident,

3/4/2022

Thank you for reaching out to my office. I appreciate your feedback on the Lake Accotink Dredging Project proposal for the location of a dewatering site. Like you, I want to see a project that protects Lake Accotink but does so in a way that is equitable and fair to our community.

As you may already know, the Lake Accotink Dredging Project as proposed would remove an estimated 500,000 cubic yards of sediment to reestablish lake depth and put in place a maintenance dredging program to sustain water quality in Accotink Creek and aesthetic and recreational benefits for county residents. On February 10th, the Fairfax County Park Authority held a public meeting on the options for the location of a processing site for materials dredged from the lake.

My office and the project team have received hundreds of comments from residents like you since that public meeting. After evaluating the site and reviewing the comments we have received thus far, I am committed to opposing the selection of the Southern Drive site as it is proposed. It is my opinion that the plan as it is now would place disproportionate stress on the Springfield community. I am actively working with staff to find alternative potential options that would both protect Lake Accotink and reduce the impact to our residential communities.

The comment period for the latest public meeting is open until March 11, 2022. After the comment period has ended, I will review the submitted public feedback and discuss these comments with County staff and my fellow members of the Board of Supervisors. At that time, I will be sure to raise the concerns residents of Springfield have brought to me regarding safety, equity, congestion, pollution, noise, road impacts, and any other concerns brought forward through the public input process.

Thank you again for your comments on this project. I will be sure to keep you and the community updated moving forward. If at any time you have any additional questions or concerns, you can reach my office at LeeDist@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling (703) 971-6262. To learn more about the Lake Accotink Dredging Project, you can visit the project webpage at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/lake-accotink-dredging>.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Lusk
 Lee District Supervisor

Message from Supervisor Lusk

Dear Springfield Civic Association Members,

I would like to personally invite you to my virtual Lee District Budget Town Hall on March 17th at 7 pm. The town hall will also include Lee District School Board member Tamara Derenak Kaufax, Fairfax County Chief Financial Officer, Christina Jackson, and Assistant Superintendent for Fairfax County Public Schools, Leigh Burden. The event will be streamed live on Channel 16 and my Facebook page. The full recorded video will be posted afterward on my social media and YouTube page.

Also, I'm happy to announce that thanks to the support of Delegate [Paul Krizek](#), the Virginia General Assembly's House Appropriations Committee approved \$400,000 to go towards the Lee District Workforce Development Center. The funds will be used to purchase the equipment and infrastructure needed to support this program.

The workforce development program will provide Lee District residents with training in the trades and technology jobs of the future. With partnerships already in place with Amazon, INOVA Hospital, and George Mason University, participants in this program will have the opportunity to obtain employment that will provide a middle-class income.

One of my first Board Matters directed the County to identify a County-owned site for this program, to search for a potential program operator and study the fiscal impacts as well as the economic opportunities this workforce development center will generate.

I am pleased that this vision is one step closer to reality.

Additionally, please note that Fairfax County no longer requires masks for employees and the public in County government facilities, except in specific locations, such as where health or medical services are provided.

Please get in touch with my office if we can assist you:

Email: leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov or **Phone:** 703-971-6262

It is an honor to serve,

-Rodney



ZOOM Meeting Information

SCA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

7:00pm

Join in the March 15 SCA Zoom Meeting by clicking here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81034461666?pwd=Rk9zYWZlZcEszTWxaVWZvQWxKKSU9OZz09>

No internet connection?

Use one of these numbers to call into the meeting:

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Law Enforcement Scam



The Fairfax County Police Department wants to remind our community the Law Enforcement Scam is still happening here in Fairfax County. If you receive a phone call

from someone claiming to be from our department telling you there is a warrant out for your arrest and demands payment to resolve the warrant, STOP! The Fairfax County Police Department will not ask you for money or payment in the form of gift cards to avoid arrest. Scammers often make their caller ID appear as if they are calling from a legitimate number. Do not confirm your identity with the scammer and avoid giving out any personal information. If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, please file a report through our Financial Crimes Online Reporting (FiCOR) system - <https://bit.ly/2U8hVXE>

Community Advisory Committee

Consider joining us at our monthly FCPD Franconia Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. The CAC offers residents a chance to dialogue with members of our Franconia police district. Members are kept informed about significant safety matters in the neighborhoods, and are encouraged to bring any issues or questions to the attention of the commanders. Email Kim.Barber@fairfaxcounty.gov if interested. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7 PM on Zoom.



CRESTWOOD COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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Saturday, March 26th

10 am - 2 pm

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FESTIVAL DE LA COMUNIDAD DE CRESTWOOD

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6010 HANOVER AVENUE

Sábado, 26 de Marzo

10 am - 2 pm

¡Gratis! Tarjetas de Identificación para niños del Departamento del Sheriff	Socializar con amigos y vecinos	¡Gratis! Entrada GRATIS para todos los miembros de la comunidad
Explorar Habilidades para la vida y pasatiempos	Compre de una variedad de camiones locales de alimentos	Disfruta de entretenimiento local y demostraciones

¡Ven a celebrar con el PTA y SCA!

Woman's Club of Springfield News

The Woman's Club of Springfield


The Woman's Club of Springfield continues to be busy supporting all of its projects! We just made layette deliveries to Fairfax and Alexandria Hospitals, along with car seats. We have also been able to resume meeting in person and are looking forward to our next meeting on March 8th at Grace Presbyterian Church, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature one of our members teaching us simple Spanish phrases that will help us communicate better with some of our customers at the Pink Elephant Shop.

We are looking forward to our Spring Faire on April 23rd. This is an annual event for our Club that we were not able to have in 2020 and 2021, due to the pandemic. We are excited to be able to hold it again this year. The event will be held at Burke United Methodist Church, beginning at 10:00 a.m. We welcome any local vendors to participate. The tables are \$60, and the proceeds go to Bethany House of Northern Virginia. If you would like to obtain a table, please contact Diana Hooper, 703/913-5602, or e-mail her at dianaleehooper@aol.com. For the shoppers, there will be door prizes and lots of fun. Whether a shopper or a vendor, please join us that day and help support Bethany House.




The Pink Elephant Shop continues to thrive. We were recently able to approve a \$3,000 scholarship for a worthy young woman at Edison High School. We thank all the volunteer hours at the Pink Elephant, our Education Committee and Edison High School for making this happen!

Our Club was happy to welcome a new member into our Club at the last meeting — Hope Spriggs. Welcome, Hope! Any interested ladies are welcome to attend a meeting to learn about us. We would welcome new members. Our Membership Chairman is Melody Corrigan. Please contact her if you are interested in attending a meeting or to learn more about the Woman's Club of Springfield. Melody can be reached at 757/286-2426, or by e-mail at melnmoz@hotmail.com. For more information, please visit our website at www.womansclubofspringfield.org.



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Brandon Avenue Development Update

The SCA has been monitoring the proposal to develop a self-storage business on the empty lot located at 6235 Brandon Avenue. We last reported that this property is proposed to link with the TownePlace Suites Marriott at 6245 Brandon Avenue. In doing so, the aim is to achieve a cohesive look to the area and ensure that the development is within the goals outlined for our revitalization area.

The next step in this process is to draft Plan Amendment language that describes the proposal. The Lee District Land Use Task Force, comprised of Land Use Representatives from civic associations and HOAs in Lee District, will meet on March 28 at 7pm to discuss language they will recommend to the Fairfax County Planning Commission. The SCA will send out a link to that meeting closer to the date for anyone who wishes to attend.

The language approved on March 28 will go to the Planning Commission and ultimately to the Board of Supervisors. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS NOT APPROVED THIS PROJECT. The BOS will look at the Plan Amendment language recommendations, and decide whether or not they approve of amending the Comprehensive Plan to allow for the project to be further studied on the Work Plan.

We will continue to give you updates as they develop.

~Marta Morrissey

SCA Land Use Representative

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WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every month)

TIMES: 9:00am-12:00am

WHERE: Sign in at one location - Lake Accotink Marina

Pick up your gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps and more. You will also be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. Volunteer 4 times and received Your very OWN Safety Vest to personalize!

ACTIVITIES: Pick-up trash bags with debris carelessly dumped, dropped and forgotten. Dog waste stations (refill & check stations), vine clipping and more.

REGISTER: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653

CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every month)

TIME: 10:30am

WHERE: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden - Adjacent to the Marina

ACTIVITIES: Work alongside our experts as they care for the pollinator plants, watering and clean-up. We'll provide the tools and gloves or you can bring your own.

REGISTER:

- https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/186905
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158892889911>

EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sun of every Month)

TIME: 10:30am

WHERE: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden - Adjacent to the Marina.

ACTIVITY: Our experts will guide you through the pollinators and pollinator plants, starting and maintaining your own (any size) pollinator garden.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158891973169>

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On-line: www.flapaccotink.org

Greetings from Richard Byrd Library

Due to staff shortages, all Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) branches have been closed Sunday and Monday since mid-January but will return to regular hours on Sunday, April 3. Masks and face coverings are now optional in Fairfax County buildings. We support mask use for those individuals who choose to continue wearing them and ask that others be respectful of individual choices.

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[Kanopy Streaming Video - eBooks, eAudio, eMags & Streaming: Tech Help - FCPL Curated Content at Fairfax County Government](#)

LITERACY COUNCIL OF VA PARTNERSHIP

Richard Byrd Library is excited to partner with the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia to provide free Family Literacy classes. Sponsored by the Friends of Richard Byrd Library, this program will run for 8-weeks this spring and provides a fabulous opportunity for English language learning in the library. Registration is closed for this session.

COVID-19 TESTING

We are happy to host the Fairfax County Health Department in our parking lot for ongoing COVID-19 testing every Thursday from 9am-3pm. Testing is for anyone with symptoms or who has been in close contact with someone that tested positive. No appointments, registration, photo ID, or insurance is required. For more information, please call the Fairfax County Health Department COVID-19 Call Center at 703-267-3511.

PROGRAMS

In January we welcomed our new Youth Services Manager, Jo Winkle, who came all the way from Cincinnati to join our team! Jo is excited to bring more families back into the library and to make community connections. Starting in April, we will expand our youth programming offering a full slate in-person programs for all ages, please check our event calendar as we build our slate for program dates and times.

[Fairfax Library Calendar - Library Home \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

Upcoming Programs for Adults:

Irish Emigration, the Potato Famine, and Castle Garden, Saturday, March 19, 2pm. (via Zoom) This virtual program presented by Jon Vrana, with the Burke Historical Society, portrays a 19th century immigrant's voyage from Ireland to New York, the Midwest, and the Great Plains. Registration required.

Coffee & a Classic: Singin' in the Rain, Friday, April 1, 10:30am.

Puzzle Swap. Saturdays, March 19 and April 16, 2-5pm.

Our Collaborative Puzzle Art Project is complete! Stop by to see where it is displayed in the library!





The John R. Lewis High School PTSA supports our students, school, and community by involving families directly. We provide volunteer and financial support to Lewis High School teachers and staff to benefit the community. All families should join the PTSA for our students. Together, we can help Lewis HS students thrive!

Visit: <https://sites.google.com/lewishsptsa.org/home> to learn about joining the PTSA, how you can support by donating time or money, and our All-Night Grad Celebration.

Spring 2022 General Membership meetings: we'll meet virtually on Mar. 16 and Apr. 20. Reach us at admin@lewishsptsa.org, on Twitter [@LewisHSPTSA](https://twitter.com/LewisHSPTSA), or our website.



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Join us for
MOVIE NIGHT

Apr. 1st, 7pm

@ Lewis High
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Springing Forward with TrailsforYouth.org

Happy almost Spring! This winter, TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) has been leading hikes for our area youth to get outdoors and active, even when the wind was blowing. The kids have enjoyed getting some exercise, seeing lots of eagles and other exciting bird action and thrilled to learn that even in winter, there are many surprises from nature!

With warmer weather these past few days, we are anxious to get outside and enjoy the parks and trails. This Spring, TYO will once again repair and smooth out any corrections needed for the Brookfield Park Bicycle pump track as well clean up the area in and around the bicycle skills obstacle course. We will be seeking volunteers to help with these efforts in April, so stay tuned.



Why does the bicycle pump track and skills line matter? Well, as one recent parent of two youth here in Springfield wrote to us to say:

"It was great at Brookfield Park yesterday! My son asked me this morning if I could take him & his brother again to Brookfield Park after school today or tomorrow--they love it, and want to continue building skills!"

During our conversation she said she had never ridden before but since her young boys were starting to want to bike more, she decided to learn herself. The Brookfield bike skills area is not only great for connecting to nature, engaging in all over physical activity but it helps bring families together over a shared love of bicycling!

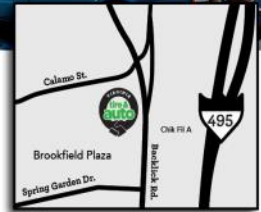


As we look ahead, TYO plans on having weekly activities at Brookfield, a Girls Adventures in STEM Summer Camp and we are hopeful that a connector trail to the CCT will be updated, started, and dare we say, completed this year? Let's Do IT!

We are excited for Spring to begin and look forward to mentoring local youth on overcoming obstacles on the trail and in life. And we are extremely grateful to the Springfield Civic Association community for your on-going support of our programs. If you see us on the trail, be sure to say hello. 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.



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<p>Crime victims and witnesses have certain rights under the Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act (19.2-11.0 Code of Virginia). These rights direct services and/or information relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victim Witness Protection Financial Assistance Notification Victim Input Courtroom Assistance <p>These rights are intended to ensure that victims and witnesses of crime are informed of their rights, treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity, and are present and heard at critical stages of the criminal justice process.</p>	<p>24 hour Availability Crisis Intervention Statements Education Programs Information and Referrals Someplace Safe Program Counseling and Support</p> <p>Intake located at the Fairfax County Courthouse by calling 703-246-3040.</p> <p>For a protective order against someone not considered a family or household member, you may file in the General District Court at the Fairfax County Courthouse, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030, Room 211, Civil Clerk Office, between 8am-3pm.</p>

To speak with a Victim Services Specialist about an incident and services that may be available to you, please contact the district station in your area at:

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How to apply for a Protective Order

For a protective order against a family or household member, schedule an appointment at **Domestic Relations Intake** located at the **Fairfax County Courthouse** by calling 703-246-3040.

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ECHO News



Clothing needs for Spring/Summer

Spring is almost here which means changeover time for the clothing ECHO offers clients. Clothing distribution will move to spring and summer clothing beginning March 11th. We are now accepting clean, gently used or new spring and summer clothing for our clients. Athletic pants, t-shirts, shorts, and tennis shoes for teen boys and small/medium men are especially needed. Tennis shoes needed are boy's sizes 3 to 6 and men's 7 to 9.

Changes to ECHO's Food Room

ECHO volunteers and clients are excited about the new client choice model adopted by the Food Room. We are learning what ECHO needs to have on hand as families choose items they prefer: Spaghetti sauce, boxes or bags of rice, coffee/tea, canned tomatoes, Masa flour and tortillas are some needed items. Additionally, items for the Afghan community as they resettle in our area are needed: almonds, vegetable bouillon, dates, chickpea flour, lemon/lime juice, rice/barley, green tea, cinnamon sticks, cardamom pods. You can keep up with the latest needs in the food room on ECHO's website (www.echo-inc.org) and Facebook page. Your generosity is appreciated.

Upcoming Dates to Note

March 12- 15 - Changing racks and shelves to Spring/Summer Clothing
 April 11- Exec Committee Mtg
 April 14, 15 - ECHO closed

Congregational and Other Food Drives

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

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

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

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Preschool News—Consignment Sale

Grace Weekday Preschool is having a **Children's Consignment Sale on Saturday, April 23, 2022**. 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!

When Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: 8:00am to 12:00 pm

Where: Grace Presbyterian Church

7434 Bath Street, Springfield, VA 22150

Get there early -- Better yet, volunteer and you can come Friday! You do not have to be a consignor or a volunteer to shop the sale. Contact us at 703-451-3314 or preschool@gracepresby.org

To keep everyone COVID-19 safe we will limit the number of persons in the building, and require everyone ages 2 and over to wear a face mask.

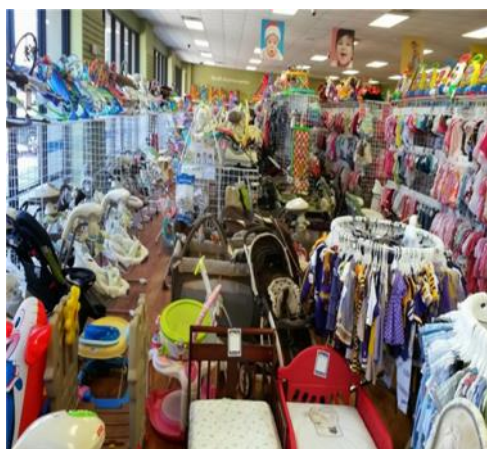
Be sure to check both the boys' and girls' sections even if you are looking for one gender, as many clothes are in unisex styles.

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.



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Springfield Art Guild



PLEASE JOIN THE SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD FOR ITS VIRTUAL 2022 GUEST SPEAKER SERIES!! MARCH 9, 2022

We still have our Monthly meetings on
the 2nd Wed of the month starting at 7pm On Zoom

Virtual Monthly Meetings: SAG will be bringing our meetings to our members and community via Zoom. SAG's board is lining up great Guest Speakers who will bring their art into your homes until we can meet in person again.

6:45PM: Zoom "doors" open - Please make sure to join us before 7PM

7:00PM: Elaine Sevy, March Acting President, will conduct a short business meeting

**** Immediately** following conclusion of the business meeting, **the guest speaker** will begin her presentation.

Zoom: If you don't have an account you can sign up for **FREE** at <https://zoom.us/>. If you haven't participated in a Zoom meeting, it's really easy on your computers or tablets. Please contact Elaine Sevy, SAG board member at Yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com for the Zoom link to our programs.

Our Guest Speaker Sara Shoob will speak about Accomplished American Women Artists
Sara is a Volunteer Docent at The Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery



Going beyond the most recognized women artists, this program will highlight examples of other women who have been trailblazers in the art world and give them the attention they deserve.

Sara Shoob is a graduate of Boston University. Her entire career was spent in the Fairfax County Public Schools, in classroom teaching and administration. She had worked primarily with elementary age students and then moved into the Instructional Services Office, focused on K-12 history, social studies and the arts. Working as a volunteer docent at The Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery has been a dream retirement gig. Sara has presented many programs for students and adult groups, both in-person and virtually. She loves sharing her passion for art. In the past few years, she's also taken a variety of art classes, primarily in watercolor.



SAG does not know when Grace Church will be reopening or we will be able to have in-person meetings or events. The board is working on ideas and events to inspire all of our members and guests to continue their art through online meetings, our newsletter, our new website at www.springfieldartguild.org, Facebook and online events as we explore ways to inspire your creativity.



The History of Springfield

Written by Robyn Carter

Hello Springfielders!

As many of you know, back in early December there was a public celebration at the Crestwood's Springfield sign that recognized three main things. One was celebrating the incredible job of restoration that was done to such a visible part of the area's history which now can once again stand without the embarrassment of peeling paint and tired plantings. Second was recognition of the 75th anniversary of when developer, Edward R. Carr began purchasing the huge acreage of land in order to create the community of Springfield that you live in today. Third was to commemorate the 70th anniversary of when ground was broken for that first fully developed subdivision for which the sign stands and from which Springfield really got its start.

While reviewing the video of that celebration, I began to think of signs like that one and their importance to the various subdivisions they represent. While there are others like it, such as the ones at North Springfield and Monticello Woods over on the other side of the highway, sadly, many subdivisions never got any sort of permanent signage of their own and are often overlooked or just seen as parts of other, more known neighborhoods.

Logistical placement of some of these neighborhoods, away from main routes or intersections or in some cases, connected right up against previous subdivisions left no real place for any sort of identifiable signage to tell folks in a public way, what subdivision is where. I don't often criticize the builders of the Springfield homes because overall they did an amazing job, not only building the quality houses and providing crucial housing after WW2, but also for the enormous amounts of employment they gave to the trades people helping to build them. My one main gripe is that some of their work has been made sort of invisible outside of the general sense that they are mid-century subdivision housing that to the casual observer are much the same. This, however, is not true as the different builders did offer designs that differed from their competitors. Signage identification would have helped set some of these apart from the others.

In this edition I would like to highlight one such neighborhood that has, for years been assumed by many to be just another part of Crestwood's Springfield, but isn't at all. That neighborhood is Springfield Park that exists right up against the most northern part of Crestwood's Springfield and thanks to the issues I mentioned above, has all but lost its individual identity. To most, outside of an aficionado of early Springfield houses, the Springfield Park homes look very similar to the Crestwood homes they are seamlessly nestled up against. In fact, one model of the houses therein actually is a copy of a popular home more akin to Lynbrook than Crestwood because Springfield Park was built by the same firm as Lynbrook....Michnick & DiMaio.

Development of the land that eventually became Springfield Park in 1957, started back on April 21, 1953 when a Limited Partnership Agreement Charter was filed in Fairfax County between the following individuals:

Sigmund Goldblatt (General Partner) of Arlington, Va.,
Helen Rudome (Limited Partner) of Crompond, NY
Elizabeth Goldblatt (Limited Partner),
Rose Goldblatt (Limited Partner), and
Pearl Jacob (Limited Partner), all three of New York, NY

The partnership was called the Mona Heights Syndicate. On November 16, 1956, Mona Heights Syndicate purchased two concurrent tracts of land from Crestwood Construction Corp., along the southern side of Reservoir Rd starting on the east at what is now 7106 Reservoir Rd and running all the way to the west, wrapping around the corner at Hanover to the lot where 5703 Hanover now stands. On December 26, 1956, Mona Heights transferred ownership of those same tracts to a company called the "G&W Development Corporation" (presumably a sub-corporation of the partners in Mona Heights since Mr. Sigmund Goldblatt was the president). Two days later, on December 28, 1956, G&W Corp. purchased the remainder of the tracts needed for the subdivision from various members of the White Family, encompassing the north side of Reservoir Rd. up to and including the lots

The History of Springfield, cont'd

along Evanston Rd to the north, including both sides of Ash Dr and Belfast Ln. (See below showing boundaries for Springfield Park in red. 1960 aerial photo, courtesy of Fairfax County)



(The blue line is on Reservoir Rd. The tract below that line was bought from Crestwood Construction and the one above was bought from the White Family. Photo courtesy of Fairfax County.)

During the early months of 1957, G&W Corp began selling off sets of lots to Mayflower Realty Corp who then almost immediately sold the land to the various sub-corporations under Michnick & DiMaio who then began to build the homes in the development that spring.

The sales office was at 5803 Gloucester Ave.

The initial three model homes were:

“The Berkley” (The only rambler offering, which still stands at 5802 Gloucester),

“The Carlyle” (A front to back split level at 5800 Gloucester Ave) and “The Lyn-Royal” (At 5801 Gloucester Ave, a traditional tri-level split which is the design brought over from Lynbrook subdivision)

The architect for the homes was a man named Phillip W. Mason.

With the exceptions of replacement windows, the adding of garages or enclosing carports, these four lovely houses still appear much as they did when prospective home buyers came to see them starting on June 29, 1957.

With prices starting at \$17,990, the Springfield Park homes sold well. Under a GI loan and 10% down, payments ran \$81.63 per month on the homes based on that total price (plus taxes and insurance). Initial sales were done directly by Michnick & DiMaio with Sal DiMaio’s brother Robert being in charge, but by early August, Vittori Real Estate Corp had taken over.

Starting on March 8, 1958, a new model was introduced. It was a “Split Rambler” (aka a Split Foyer) that the builder dubbed “The Belvoir” that eventually took over for the other three models until the subdivision was built out. When introduced it was priced slightly less than the previous offerings at \$17,650. The Belvoir was offered in a couple of different exterior variations with the same interior floor plan. By this time the realty firm of Routh-Robbins Real Estate Corp. had taken over sales of the homes. Owing to their quality construction, popular floor plans and affordability, the Springfield Park homes were chosen as entries for both the prestigious Washington Post Homes of ’57 and ’58 (annual exhibits which were extremely popular in September of each year going back to the late 1940s).

So now, for over 60 years, the homes of Springfield Park have been a proud part of your community and I hope that the homeowners take pride in them despite the rather unsung public identity thanks to the lack of permanent signage and being nestled in right up against the northern most section of Crestwood’s Springfield. If you check out the below ad images you will be able to spot the Carlyle and Belvoir models and should be able to spot the differences from the nearby Crestwood houses.

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DIRECTIONS: From Washington, cross any bridge till you get to the Shirley Highway, exit at Franconia-Springfield Exit. Turn right to Back Lick Road, right on Back Lick Rd. to Highland Ave., Left on Highland to Gloucester Ave. Right to model home.
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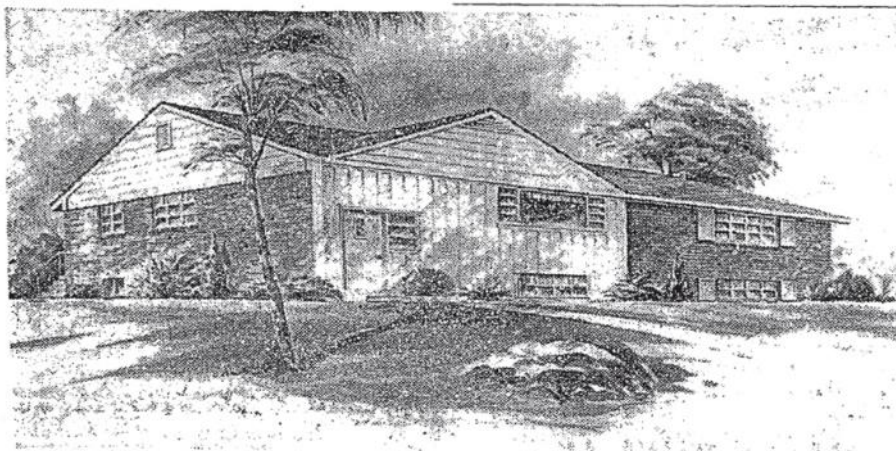
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March 8, 1958, Ad from the Washington



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will be made available to GIs for a two per cent down payment. The builders attribute sales success to the design of the split rambler which they maintain offers the economy of one level with the spaciousness of a split level home.

May 7, 1958, Write up showing one alternative elevation of the Belvoir from the Washington Post.

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