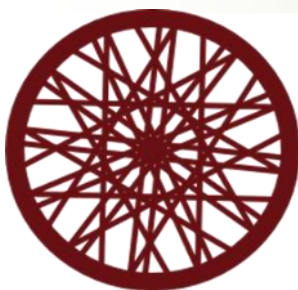


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Springfield Civic Association

President's Message—Gail Nittle

Happy New Year!

Please help us welcome the new year at our January 17th General Membership Meeting at Crestwood Elementary School (6010 Hanover Avenue, Springfield). Social time will start at 7 pm in the school cafeteria followed by our meeting at 7:30. The presentation on the 17th should be of interest to everyone – especially in light of the recent snow problems in Buffalo and other events that can happen right here in Springfield. What's your biggest fear and how can you prepare for it?

Our guest speaker will be Gary O'Neilin, a Crestwood resident, who will be sharing with us information on "Expecting and Preparing for the Unexpected!"

In Gary's own words: "Hello, I'm Gary O'Neilin. I am currently the volunteer lead for the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) for zip codes 22150 and 22152. The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. I am a retired Army NCO who served for 28 years. My background includes Combat Arms, Signal, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical, Intelligence, and Cyber mission space. I have served in several operations to include Operation Desert Shield/Storm, IFOR (Bosnia), Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. I currently am employed as a cyber threat intelligence analyst in support of the Department of Veterans Affairs.



My journey into preparedness began in my teen years ('80s) as a Boy Scout of America. I earned the rank of Eagle Scout. The motto is "Be prepared"! Couple the Scout motto, oath and law together and one develops a mindset of preparedness. I have been lucky enough to live Europe, the Middle East, Africa, South Korea and various parts of the U.S. I am originally from the mountains of Southern California where we had to deal with earthquakes, forest fires, and annual snowfall of more than 6ft every year.

Preparedness is a mind that is the continual evaluation of the near, mid, and far term events and resulting in the confidence to adequately engage with the events with minimal disruption to 'normal' life."

Come and join us to learn about how you can be prepared.

Future meetings: March 21, 2023; and May 16, 2023.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 17th !

~Gail

January Meeting**January 17, 2023****7:00pm—Social****7:30—Meeting****Crestwood Elementary
School****Topic:****Expecting and Preparing
for the
Unexpected!****Gary O'Neilin:****Community Emergency
Response Team Leader**

Supervisor Lusk Update

Dear Springfield Civic Association members,

I hope you all had a joyful and safe holiday season! As I take one final look back at 2022, I am proud of the service my office has done for our residents. I especially appreciate the engagement and active community participation from the Springfield Civic Association.

In total, my office in 2022:

- Completed 403+ constituent casework items for Franconia District Residents.
- Initiated a Springfield market study, which was completed in October. (Read the full study here: www.fairfaxcountyped.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Springfield-Franconia-Market-Study.pdf) The study's goal is to find ways to continue supporting future economic and residential development in the Springfield area.
- Supported Inova Hospital's expansion to Franconia-Springfield, which will add 150 hospital beds & 1,200+ jobs to the local Springfield economy.
- Worked with the Springfield Town Center to approve a new hotel, residential housing, and the Lego Discovery Center. (Photo below)



I am also happy to report that our district is now officially named Franconia. With this name change, our district homepage and my office email have been updated to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Franconia/ and Franconia@fairfaxcounty.gov. My staff will continue monitoring the old Lee office inbox. The county will update the name on signs and other official sites throughout the coming months. Please email my office if you have questions about the renaming or any potential impacts on you or your business.

Lastly, effective January 1st, property owners must contain running bamboo on their property and prevent it from spreading beyond their property line. Running bamboo is a fast-growing, invasive grass that can be destructive to the natural environment and suppress native plant species. Property owners may face civil penalties for uncontained running bamboo that spreads to other properties. Learn more about the bamboo ordinance here: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/5-things-know-about-new-running-bamboo-ordinance-effective-jan-1?fbclid=IwAR3xdKtHNslo51_W1BPrQyDQvqwi-kUFx74b4rVPJAldp9e8F6EQFH78VAs

If you would like to file a complaint about uncontained running bamboo spreading to an adjacent property or right-of-way, please contact the Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300, TTY 711, or file an online complaint at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code.

Please contact my office if we can assist you:

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

It is an honor to serve you.

-Rodney



Lake Accotink Park Update

Free Rod Rentals to Help More Anglers Enjoy Fishing Experience

The Fairfax County Park Authority's waterfront parks, including Lake Accotink Park, have launched a new partnership with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to provide a fishing rod rental program with funding obtained through a grant from the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. The program is currently up and running at Burke Lake and Riverbend Parks. The Lake Accotink and Lake Fairfax Park programs are expected to launch in March 2023.

"This is an exciting opportunity to invite more residents to enjoy the experience of fishing, particularly beginners, those who might not have their own gear and those who don't have the means to purchase a fishing rod," said Dan Grulke, Lake Accotink Park Manager.



Fishing rod rentals will be issued at no charge. For more information about the program, please contact Dan Grulke at Dan.Grulke@fairfaxcounty.gov.

In addition to the new program, Park Authority staff have developed a wonderful online resource for new and experienced anglers. The website – www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fishing - provides expert advice, tips and resources for making the most of your fishing experience.

Friends of Lake Accotink Park—Positive Impacts in 2022

Our mission: Protect, restore, preserve and educate all concerning the natural, historical and cultural resources of Lake Accotink Park

On behalf of Friends of Lake Accotink Park – FLAP, thank you to all of our Volunteers, Sponsors, Supporters and Dedicated Partners who through their efforts made 2022 our most impactful year. Together, our community of over 1,600 dedicated volunteers eagerly secured their boots, gloves, safety vests, trash tools, bags and positive can-do attitudes monthly to make a positive impact. All projects and activities are funded through donations to FLAP. As a community our ability to ensure positive impacts is endless. Here are some highlights from over 5,800 hours of service:

***Monthly Clean-Ups** The Lake Accotink Park (lake shore/streams/trails- the entire park not just the trail) Clean-Ups are our monthly FLAP clean-ups (we average 120 bags a month or 1440 annually + 5,000lbs of items/tires, bumpers, shoes, metal pipes and trashcans, fence sections, garden furniture...).

***Dog Waste Stations** We now have 11 stations located around the trail and have purchased and dispensed over 140,000 dog waste bags in the last year (removing thousands of pounds of harmful dog waste, improves the quality of the Accotink, Chesapeake Bay watersheds but also of the overall health of the environment).

***Margaret Kinder Education and Pollinator Garden** – Lake Accotink Park - April 2021 marks five years since the initial conception of this educational pollinator garden. Our Pollinator garden consists of over 900 plants and 14 + varieties. We provide educational brochures, pack of seeds (native plants) and other items to help the attendees get their own garden started. We also hold monthly volunteer care sessions for the Garden.

***Special Programs** – Projects (We Plan, Organize, Provide Supplies, Outreach, Coordinate, Execute, with our Partners): - Young FLAPer program, The 60th Anniversary of Lake Accotink Park, Pictures with Santa, High School Events, Various Organizational Speaking, FCPA Working Groups and Support Activities.

***Awards** 2022 Youth Elly Doyle Park Service Award (Yasmine Marrero, Director Young FLAPers), 2022 Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award, Best of Braddock Award

We could not have accomplished the magnitude of these impacts without our partnership with FCPA, Lake Accotink Park and our Community of dedicated Volunteers, Sponsors and Donors. We look forward to your support in 2023.



Trails for Youth News

Thank You for Giving Back, from TrailsforYouth.Org

TYO is entering 2023 excited about serving the youth in the Springfield area, knowing we have the support of the local community. We set out to serve the youth of this area 20 years ago and have been so happy in the response from SCA and the families of the area. There is no better example of this relationship, than the amazing Gary Bangs.

Gary is stepping down as the TYO Board President after being on the Board for over 5 years. In addition to being on TYOs Board, Gary is also past President of the Lynbrook PTA and the Springfield Swim and Racquet Club, quite the impressive resume and giving back is in his nature. We knew about Gary through his now college age kids, who participated in TYO events at Lynbrook when they were tiny grade schoolers; and his son Will raced on the TYO mountain bike team. Gary saw value in what we did and dedicated himself to providing more opportunities for local youth, long after his children stopped participating in our programs. If you can't tell, we are big Gary Bangs fans and appreciate all he has done for TYO and the community as a whole.

Gary may have been our prototype for community caring and giving back to SCA, but it doesn't stop there for TYO. Dery Martinez participated in our programs and subsequently went on to be the first member of his family to go on to college, and then grad school. And during that time, he would come back to volunteer for TYO and watch his little sister in the program. She graduated from Lewis High School and is now in college following in his footsteps. Dery has now joined our Board of Directors and is still giving back to the community his family lives in.

TYO is thankful for Gary and Dery and all the other SCA residents who support us. This support has come in many forms, from building bikes, to moving dirt at Brookfield, to leading rides, to donating funds when we need them. We just want all of you to know we are grateful and look forward to seeing all of you in our shared community -- one we proudly call home. Happy New Year from Julie and Pat Childers, TYO Directors and proud SCA residents.




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Special Olympics (Area 26) Alpine Team

Lake Accotink is home to Northern Virginia's (Area 26) Special Olympics Alpine team! Until snow flies in January, the Special Olympics ski and snowboard athletes practice on dry land. Maybe you have seen them running drills in the parking lot and on the grassy slope by the lake. They stretch, work on balance, condition their lungs, and run courses to simulate skiing downhill. These athletes hope for snow! On mountain practices are at Liberty Mountain, and their winter competitions will be held February 14-16 at Seven Springs by invitation of Special Olympics Western PA. Athletes travel as a team to compete at all levels - Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. It's a tremendous opportunity for individual growth and confidence for our athletes, and coaches too!

Special Olympics motto: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt!"

If you wish to support our local team, we'd be grateful! Notes of encouragement can be sent to: Special Olympics Athletes; c/o 6903 Highland St.; Springfield, VA 22150. Monetary donations can be made at: novasova.org or mailed to: Special Olympics VA Area 26; P.O. Box 645; Dunn Loring, VA 22027. **(Please specify Virginia Area 26 Alpine if you wish to make a specific donation to our team.)**

Thank you,
Marta Morrissey



Richard Byrd Library News

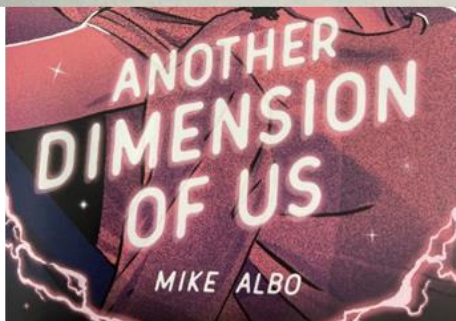
Greetings from Richard Byrd Library! Winter is now here, and with it comes the perfect reason to stop by the library to pick up a book to enjoy while cozy under a blanket with a warm drink. As extra motivation, our Winter Reading Challenge is going on through January 31 and finishers will receive prizes sponsored by the Fairfax County Parks Authority. To start, sign up at fairfax-county.beanstack.org or stop by Richard Byrd Library to pick up a paper log to track your progress.

The library offers so much more than just books, though. Richard Byrd Library has a puzzle swap area where you can bring in a gently used puzzle and trade it in for a new-to-you one to enjoy. In addition, all branches now have Chromebook laptop computers and Wi-Fi hotspots available to borrow. These materials, referred to as Connect Kits, can be checked out by library card holders 18 and older to borrow for up to 14 days. For more information about Chromebooks and other items in our Library of Things collection, please visit research.fairfaxcounty.gov/lot

Finally, as you're considering your New Year's resolutions for 2023, the library can help! Want to learn a new language? Try the library's free online language learning databases Mango Languages and Transparent Languages, or stop by Richard Byrd Library's Polish Conversation Group. Want to exercise more? Fairfax County Public Library offers Yoga tutorials through the online database Kanopy as well as free online Bollywood Dance Fitness and Qi Gong programs that you can enjoy from the comfort of your home. More information about the events and databases that the library makes available to the community can be found at fairfaxcounty.gov/library. Happy 2023 everyone!



The Richard Byrd Library in Springfield, Virginia, which provided the inspiration for the library in these pages.



An excerpt from the acknowledgement section of author Mike Albo's new book **Another Dimension of Us**.

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Richard Byrd Library hours:

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Mon 1 – 4pm, Tue – Sat, 10am – 4pm

Winter Book Sale Success!!

What an awesome team of volunteers we had for our Winter Book Sale! Thanks so much for your many hours of moving and emptying boxes, organizing thousands of books, keeping the tables neat, assisting shoppers and doing many odds and ends during the week. From Saturday, November 16th to Monday, December 5th, 29 volunteers worked 545 hours and we earned over \$8,300. These funds support library events, magazine subscriptions, children's programs, scholarships and a variety of things our librarians need for the Richard Byrd Library. After the sale we sent hundreds of children's books to ECHO, a shelter, the laundromat, and a food pantry.

Be sure to look for our Spring Book Sale...we'd love to have you there again!

Richard Byrd welcomes new Circulation Manager



It's a pleasure to get to know everyone here at Richard Byrd Library. I'm Carolyn Norton, the new Circulation Manager at RB. I've been in the neighborhood off and on for almost 20 years, and I love it here in Springfield. I was the Page Manager at both Kings Park Library and Tysons-Pimmit Library most recently and started my career at Pohick Library and then George Mason. I have always loved the library, it's where I feel at home. I'm glad it's worked out to be my career. People and books bring great things -- a wealth of experience and knowledge.

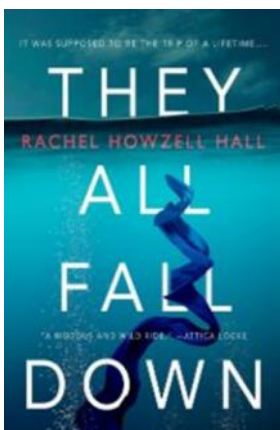
I've lived and traveled a little overseas and have a spouse and two grown children, plus stepchildren and grandchildren in the area. Seeing the world is wonderful, and it's even better to come back home again afterwards. Thanks for welcoming me to your friendly neighborhood library. Please let me know how I can help, anytime. - Carolyn

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Book Review: *They All Fall Down*

by Stacy Hall



Written by Rachel Howzell Hall, this stand-alone novel has an intriguing plot that kept me guessing until the very end. Miriam is excited to be chosen as a participant for a new television show, which will be filmed on a tropical island near Mexico. It sounds like a fantastic way to have fun and get paid for it. Upon arrival, she and six total strangers, quickly realize that something is very wrong. Why have they been lured here to this isolated place? It's unfortunate when an accidental death occurs, but Miriam becomes suspicious after another sudden death happens on the property. Communication and transportation problems continue to thwart them. Is someone trying to sabotage the group? She hopes to find an ally to help her determine a course of action to quickly depart the island, but needs to choose wisely, since danger seems to be hovering all around them.

Would you vacation on an island with complete strangers?

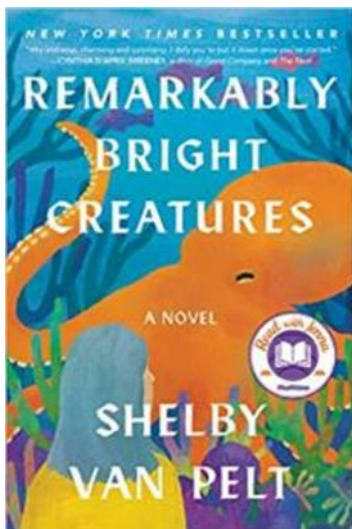
If you find this story line intriguing, you might also enjoy *When the Stars Go Dark* by Paula McLain or *When No One is Watching* by Alyssa Cole.

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Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update (Cont'd)

Book Review: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*

By Claudia Moore



Shelby Van Pelt frames the story as a mystery but it's more about relationships.

Friendships cannot be categorized and may be fraught with surprises such as when they develop between species. One such tender closeness grows between Tova, the elderly cleaning lady at the aquarium, who helps Marcellus, the giant octopus untangle his limbs from the 'spaghetti' computer cords during one of his nighttime explorations resolving his boredom and hunger. Marcellus speaks for himself in short chapters so we learn about his lifespan and habits first hand. He realizes that Tova still questions the death of her son in a drowning accident some 30 years previously. Marcellus gives her clues to ease her grief, but humans can be so slow to understand. Further, he knows that his own health is declining as old age fast approaches; this parallels Tova's decisions for her own future. Grieving is important and must be lived through, but life goes on with significant changes to be made. Cameron, a young drifter, comes to town hoping to find his unknown (and hopefully rich) father. Settling down enough to work temporarily at the aquarium, he too forms a friendship with Tova.

Sparks of humor splashed throughout keep the story from being maudlin. Details depicting the events of life with realistic particulars touch our hearts: children's love of dinosaurs, Tova's unwillingness to give all of her life secrets to her crafting friends i.e., the Knit-Wits, Cameron's unrealistic life expectations. Van Pelt's drive to present a touching story earns a score of 10 and will keep you wondering who is the brighter creature!

Coffee and a Classic Movie / Jan 6, 10:30 AM

Come by the library on the first Friday of every month at 10:30 AM to have coffee and watch a classic movie. Due to copyright restrictions, we can't publish the title but here's a clue...this one stars both Carmen Miranda and the King of Swing!



Teen Movie Night / Jan 23, 6:30 PM

Join us at the library for Teen Movie Night! Grab a snack, watch some of your favorite films, hang out with your friends, 6:30 - 8 PM, ages 13 - 18. No registration required. Contact the library for future Teen Movie Night dates.

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There's Still Time to Pay SCA Dues!

The new membership year for the Springfield Civic Association (SCA) begins in September of each year so dues for the 2022-2023 program year were due in September, but can still be paid now.

Due to increased activities and expenses, dues for one year have been increased to \$20.00 per household.

The funds raised from dues go directly to help support the SCA and its programs which directly benefit our community. If you have supported the SCA in the past by being a member, thank you! We hope you'll renew your membership now. If you have attended meetings or joined in activities as a non-paying participant, please consider becoming a paid member. One of the SCA's goals is to bring people together and encourage them to be active in community affairs. We advocate for our community's interests and concerns through local government and other entities. Please partner with us by renewing or starting your paid membership NOW and by getting involved!

Dues can be paid via PayPal, using our website at www.springfieldcivic.org, or by sending a check to SCA, P.O. Box 842, Springfield, VA 22150. Thank you in advance for supporting the SCA in its effort to enhance the quality of life in Springfield.

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Lake Accotink Spillway Bridge Update

The Fairfax County Park Authority is constructing a pedestrian bridge across Accotink Creek below the dam and spillway. Begun in June 2022, the work is projected to be completed in the spring of 2023.

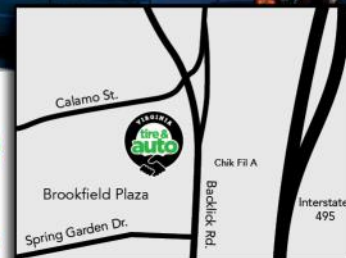
You can read all about the project at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/lake-accotink-dam-stream-crossing>

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ECHO News

Please check Food Donations

We want all donors to be aware that ECHO does not distribute food items after their expiration dates. We know that many of us don't pay a lot of attention to those printed dates and feel that foods can be just fine a bit past the date. However, ECHO policy is based on two important factors. The first is health and safety. The people whom ECHO serves are already having problems. We do not want to add to those problems by inadvertently giving them a food that could possibly be unsafe. The second reason, and just as important to us, is dignity and respect. Keeping our pantry shelves stocked with current supplies maintains that level of care and concern. Please help us by checking for expired foods and discarding them before you bring donations to ECHO.

Need for Children's Books

If your children got new books as holiday gifts and you are trimming down your collection, consider donating gently used K-12 books to ECHO. Please label this donation "School Supplies" because ECHO uses these books in the Backpack Program.

Spreading Joy!



Many thanks to donors and volunteers who made the Holiday Toy Shop a huge success this year. Because of the generous donations and hard work of organizers, ECHO was able to turn some of its building into a child's winter wonderland. ECHO provided toys, books, games, stuffed animals and candy for more than 600 local children. We wish we could convey every word of thanks from the grateful parents. These thoughtful contributions spread joy all around our community!



ECHO's January Needs



On January 3, ECHO resumes its post-holiday, normal schedule of operations: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday and 7:00 to 9:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Check our website or Facebook for emergency weather closures. The donations that are most needed this month are: men's underwear (new), jeans, t-shirts; girls' size 5,6, 7 winter clothing. The Food Room needs cooking oil, Maseca flour, lemon juice, and canned meats. We have several volunteer openings that you can find out about by contacting Volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

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Springfield Woman's Club News



The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop located at 6127 Backlick Road, in the Concord Shopping Center, wants to thank shoppers, consigners, and volunteers for their support in 2022. We are starting the new year with renewed vigor and commitment, and lots of new treasures. Visit us soon. We look forward to seeing you.



The Springfield Woman's Club combines with volunteers from the Richard Byrd Library to have a book sale twice a year to help fund enrichment projects for adults and children. In 2022, the Springfield Woman's Club even received a volunteer award!

Garfield Elementary School Emergency Clothing Project

The Education Committee's first delivery of emergency clothing to Garfield Elementary, consisting of 53 pairs of leggings and sweatpants, was made on November 29th. The second delivery will be made before the school's winter break begins. Individual members participated in the project, donating 41 pairs of pants and \$88.00 in cash. In October, a \$250.00 WCS-Pink Elephant grant was authorized, making it possible for the Education Committee to shop for additional leggings and sweatpants, ensuring that the school has a variety of sizes available for the students.

Creating Crafts for Sale.

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Chairman Jeff McKay invites you to celebrate the New Year at the Fairfax County Government Center in the atrium as a special "thank you" for all you've done for our community. Come enjoy friends, food and a great evening featuring a performance from the Woodson High School Orchestra.

We also will be collecting donations on behalf of the [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#) at the reception. Please go to [the shelter's website](#) for the list of items the shelter can accept, and you can also find a shopping list there to send items directly.

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Delivering Christmas Cookie Smiles (3 pages of photos)



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Snowy days, snowy days,
Come when winter's here.
Whitest days are brightest days,
Of the whole long year

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January Meeting

January 17, 2023

7:00pm Social

7:30pm Meeting

**Crestwood Elementary
School**

Topic:

Expecting and Preparing
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- 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.

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