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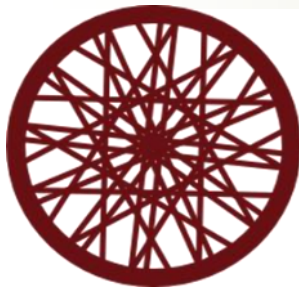
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President's Message—Gail Nittle



Come to our general membership meeting on September 19th at Crestwood School for a Candidates' Forum. This will not be a debate but an opportunity for candidates (local as well as state offices) to present their platforms and answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to be informed! The following have been invited:

- Chairman, Board of Supervisors:** Jeff McKay (D) and Arthur Purves (R)
- Franconia District Supervisor:** Rodney Lusk (D) and Paul Beran (R)
- School Board:** Marcia St. John-Cunning and Kevin Pinkney
- Delegate:** Kathy Tran (D) and Ed McGovern (R)
- Senator:** Dave Marsden (D) and Mark Vafiades (R)

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Looking back over the summer, there are some changes of note in Springfield! Captain John Lieb (Franconia Police District Commander) was promoted to major and will serve as commander of the FCPD Internal Affairs Bureau. Thank you for your service, Major Lieb, and congratulations! Captain Kevin Davis has taken the helm at the Franconia Station and we look forward to working with him and his lieutenant, Andrew Smuck.

We extend a heartfelt SCA thank you to Crestwood Elementary School's principal and SCA supporter Marguerite Saitta who retired at the end of the school year and a hearty welcome to her replacement, Francoise Casablanca! Our own past president Bruce Waggoner and his family moved to North Carolina over the summer. Bruce served as SCA President for 8 years. His work for our community was invaluable! He will be missed!

Business seems to be thriving in Central Springfield! Whole Foods is expected to open its doors in October 2023. Best Buns & Burgers is planning to open across from Mike's American Grill towards the end of this year! The long-awaited Lego Discovery Center opened in August at the Springfield Town Center! Big Blue Swim Center has opened in the Springfield Plaza along Old Keene Mill Rd.

There is interest in developing mixed use projects in our immediate area – at the old Merv's location (Backlick and Old Keene Mill) and over in the Best Buy shopping center (Frontier Drive). These proposed projects will directly impact our community. Their movement through the County approval process will be carefully followed by our Land Use Committee representative Marta Morrissey.

The Lake Accotink Task Force began its meetings in June 2023, chaired by former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova and former Braddock Supervisor John Cook. Representatives of numerous organizations, including the SCA, were asked to be part of the Task Force. Every effort is being made by the members of the Task Force to examine the findings and recommendation of the County staff and make its own findings in the effort to save Lake Accotink. Save Lake Accotink signs and tee-shirts will be available at our September meeting. If you're interested in learning more about what's happening please go to www.SaveLakeAccotink.org.

The Crestwood's Springfield Triangle needs some volunteers to help clean up and keep the grass cut/ edged. If you're able and willing, please contact the SCA at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 19th ! ~Gail

September Meeting
Tuesday
September 19, 2023
7:00pm—Social
7:30—Meeting

Crestwood Elementary School
6010 Hanover Ave.
Springfield, VA

Topic:
Candidate Forum



Candidate Forum

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

7:00pm Social Time

7:30-9:00pm Meeting

Crestwood Elementary School

*Make plans to attend the **September 19th SCA membership meeting**. All candidates running for offices in our district have been invited to come and give their views and positions on important issues such as taxes, education, crime, public safety, panhandlers, etc.*

This is your chance to find out how the candidates stand on issues that are important to you.

Don't miss it!



Lake Accotink Update

Lake Accotink Task Force Gives Citizens A Voice In The Lake's Future

SaveLakeAccotink.org (SLA), a local, citizen-run advocacy group, was created to represent the larger community and work with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (Board) and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) to restore Lake Accotink, a man-made reservoir in Fairfax County Park Authority's Lake Accotink Park. The Lake is fed by Accotink Creek which, along with water and natural materials, deposits sediment filled runoff water into the lake which, over time decreases the depth of the lake to less usable levels.

The County studied the feasibility of dredging the lake and in 2019, the Board announced that it could be done at a cost of \$30 million dollars. The Board approved the expenditure and unanimously voted to dredge the lake. Then the Board announced in 2023 that the projected cost of completing the planned dredge would be \$95 million and added costs for additional dredges over a 25 year period would increase the projected cost by \$300 million.

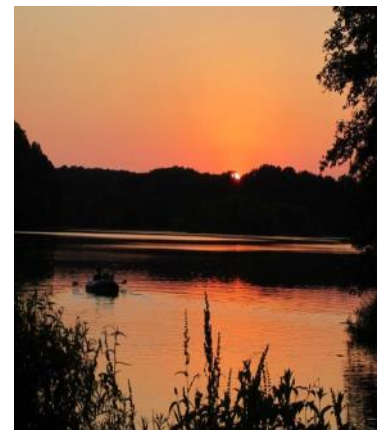
DPWES then recommended that the lake should not be dredged, but be let to fill with sediment and any resulting vegetation. A County run survey was conducted to gather public opinion and a final recommendation was made to cancel the dredging.

Several civic groups, including SLA, along with a multitude of concerned and interested citizens, objected to the recommendation not to dredge and to the methodology used to arrive at the recommendation. The outcry led Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Franconia District, and Supervisor James Walkinshaw, Braddock District, to put a matter before the Board recommending that a task force be established to further and fully consider the issue and produce findings that would inform the Board of Supervisors' decision regarding the future of Lake Accotink. The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink was established at the June 6 Board of Supervisors meeting. Their full charge can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/sites/topics/files/assets/documents/lakeaccotink/lake-accotink-task-force-board-matter.pdf>.

According to Fairfax County, "Lake Accotink Park is one of Fairfax County's most beloved resources. Its 476.2 acres of natural resources, trails, picnic areas, and waterfront activities draw hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The 55-acre Lake Accotink, a manmade reservoir originally built by the U.S. Army, is a key feature of the park. However, it has required regular dredging to remove sediment and prevent it from returning to its natural state. The Park attracts crowds with its stunning trails, picturesque picnic areas and engaging waterfront activities."

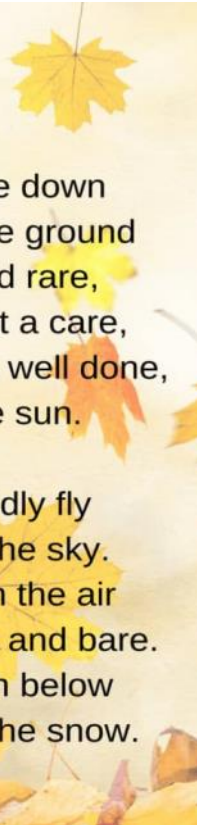
The Lake Accotink Task Force (Task Force) will review past studies about dredging and ensure comprehensive exploration of all options to preserve Lake Accotink in the most sustainable, equitable and cost-effective manner. It will identify crucial questions to be addressed if the Board decides to explore a managed wetland or hybrid option. The group will also consider the environmental impact, effects on surrounding communities, recreational park usage and financing implications, including ongoing maintenance. *"This task force will enable community members to be at the table to ensure that options are thoroughly explored, and that questions from the public are answered,"* said **Braddock District Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw**.

The Task Force, co-chaired by former BOS Chairman Sharon Bulova and former Braddock Supervisor John Cook, has established three subcommittees, each with a focus on a different aspect of its research and goals. Those subcommittees will focus on: 1) Options to Consider Other Than Full Traditional Dredging; 2) The Value of Lake Accotink To Lake Accotink Park; and 3) Analysis of Staff Recommendation to Not Dredge. The subcommittees will report back to the Task Force, who will report their findings to the Board in December of 2023.



Leaves

by Elsie N. Brady



How silently they tumble down
 And come to rest upon the ground
 To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
 Beneath the trees without a care,
 Content to sleep, their work well done,
 Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
 Until they nearly reach the sky.
 Twisting, turning through the air
 Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
 Exhausted, drop to earth below
 To wait, like children, for the snow.

Need Information?

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Do you have a question for the SCA?

Contact us via email at

springfieldcivic@yahoo.com.

Check out our website at

www.springfieldcivic.org.

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Springfield Civic Association.



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 2023-2024 program year are due now.

Due to increased activities and expenses, dues for one year were 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT!

Upcoming SCA Membership Meetings:

- * Tuesday, November 14, 2023
- * Tuesday January 16, 2024
- * Tuesday, March 19, 2024
- * Tuesday, May 21, 2024



2023 Halloween Decorating Contest

Who: All residents within the boundaries of the Springfield Civic Association (*See www.springfieldcivic.org for details*)

When: Sunday October 29th between 6 and 9pm

Awards: Winners will be announced that night with a yard sign placed in their front yard for bragging rights to the whole neighborhood

Q: *Is there any cost to enter the contest?*

A: No. Participation is free!

Q: *How do I enter?*

A: Email **SCAHalloween@gmail.com** with your name, address, telephone number, and categories you would like to enter.

Q: *Do I have to be home the night of the contest?*

A: No, but we will notify you when we are heading to your home. Please make sure that your decorations are displayed and ready to be assessed prior to our arrival.

Q: *Can I enter/win multiple categories?*

A: Yes, contestants can enter into one or multiple categories. All entries are considered for the Judges' Favorite Category.

Application Deadline: Wednesday October 25, 2023



Contest Rules

1. Decorations can include anything—lights, projects, props, posters, folk art. Entries are judged against the categories selected when entering the competition.
2. Decorations must not be discriminatory, political, or in any way inappropriate for children and neighbors to see/hear. Judges will exclude entries that do not comply with those guidelines and those decisions are considered final.
3. Decorations must comply with Fairfax County laws and housing codes.
4. Decorations will be judged solely on their presentation at the time of judgment. The resident's age, race, gender, personality, or any other such criteria are not considered for this competition.
5. Contest categories include:
 - **Best Pumpkin:** Carve it, paint it, decorate it! What you want to do with your pumpkin is up to your imagination.
 - **Best Doorway:** This includes the door and entryway of your home.
 - **Scariest:** This will include the overall presentation. *Be warned; the judges don't scare easily!*
 - **Most Creative:** This prize is looking for those DIYers. Get creative, have fun and impress your neighbors!
 - **Judges' Favorite:** All contestants are automatically entered into this category.
7. By entering, you are giving permission to the SCA to take pictures of your decorations for use in our newsletter and social media.
8. Judges' decisions on all matters are final!
9. If you are interested in being a judge, email SCAHalloween@gmail.com by **October 15th**. Judges are not eligible to enter the contest.





Children's Consignment Sale

Saturday,
September 30, 2023
8am—12pm

Grace Presbyterian Church
7434 Bath Street
Springfield, VA

Come shop for gently used and like-new maternity and children's items at GREAT prices! We'll also have some baked goods to purchase on your way out! Please note that we are unable to accept \$100 bills.

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

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Trails for Youth

Hello from TrailsforYouth.Org!



Thanks to the folks that waived and said hi as our kids rode thru the neighborhood streets the other day. We do a few neighborhood laps to get some miles in before our first race of the year. It's amazing as we go through the SCA area how many of the houses have a role in TYO. This house had a kid in our program, that house's owner donated a bike, this house belongs to one of our favorite Board of Director of all time, that owner helped us build the pump track, etc. We want to thank everyone of the many wonderful people that tie TYO to the families of SCA.

At one point about 10 years ago, we had to decide where to focus our attention, as we no longer had the resources to serve Virginia, MD, and DC youth. The Board unanimously said, "Serve the children in our own backyard first!", and we have focused on the youth of the Lewis Pyramid and SCA area ever since with amazing outcomes. We've offered youth the opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature, to interview and have their first job and we've even helped a few get college scholarships or become the first member of their families to go to college. "Teaching Kids to Overcome Obstacles on the Trail and in Life" is our motto and we are so glad the families of the SCA area are along for the ride. Thank you!

Franconia Police Station News



Dear Franconia District Community,

I am delighted to return to the community where my law enforcement career began. I started at Franconia District Station more than 20 years ago, first as a patrol officer and then in the Neighborhood Patrol Unit (NPU) before leaving Franconia for other assignments. The beginning (early) days here really helped lay the foundation for a rewarding career.

I have had the great pleasure of serving in a multitude of assignments, including the Organized Crime Bureau, Major Crimes Bureau, and Special Operations Division. Additionally, I have served in a commander role with our Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), as the Assistant Commander at the Mount Vernon District Station, and as commander of the Personnel Resources Division. Most recently, I was the Internal Affairs Commander.

However, despite my many stops along the way, I have always felt a deep connection to the Franconia District, which I consider my true home. I am eager and excited to reconnect with the community and am honored to be back serving and protecting the residents of Franconia.

I can be reached at KShaw@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Kevin
Kevin Shaw
Captain, Commander
Franconia District Station



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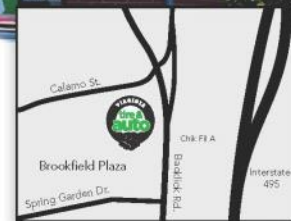
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******* 1pm—5pm**



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Echo News

Need a Speaker for Your Group?



ECHO Ambassadors, a newly-formed group of volunteers are equipped to represent ECHO at many kinds of events. One or more of them can serve as a speaker to give an overview of ECHO's mission, distribute brochures, present a Power Point program showing our building and work, or simply answer questions. They have signs and posters of varying sizes. If your organization is interested in hearing more about ECHO's work in our community from one of our Ambassadors, send a email to admin@echo-inc.org.

Community Needs are Not Decreasing

ECHO counselors see clients of appointment, and those appointments are filling for days. If not weeks, in advance. Need in our community seems to be growing-especially for food! When we run low on donated food staples, we have to purchase them. Recently, food donations have not met the increased requests, so ECHO is buying more and more. Please help if you are able.

A most urgently needed supplies at this time are: cooking oil. Shelf-stable milk, instant coffee, sugar, sardines, canned meat, and children's toothbrushes. Echo's donation Door is open on weekdays from 9:30-12:30pm, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00pm. There are also food collection boxes for ECHO (**food only, please**) in the lobbies of the Braddock District, West Springfield District and Franconia District Government Offices.

To assist ECHO in combatting hunger in our community, the Rolling Valley Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sponsoring Food Drives on September 16 in these locations: 6942 Sydenstricker Road, 9:00am to 2:00pm; Huntsman Giant, 10:00am to 2:00pm; Springfield Plaza Giant, 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Fall and Winter—On the Way

As you assess your fall and winter wardrobe, please consider donating items that you will not be using next season but that are clean in good condition. Echo especially welcomes donations of boy's and girl's sneakers, and girl's, boy's, and men's jeans, sweatpants and long sleeve t-shirts. New socks and new underwear for any size are always needed.

Fifty ECHO volunteers filled 1200 backpacks this summer! ECHO distributed more than 1000 of them before the school year started. We continue to fill backpacks for families who experience hardship later in the season and need help with school supplies, so we continue to need donations. Find our list on echo-inc.org under "Donate Goods".

You can find a list of open volunteer positions on our website, echo-inc.org, but a few positions need to be filled quickly. ECHO needs a Spanish speaking counselor on Tuesday mornings, and one on Friday mornings. We have openings for an assistant counselor on Tuesday evenings as well as Thursday evenings. Read more about what counselors and assistant counselors do at "Volunteer Opportunities for Adults" under the Volunteer tab on our website. Also, please contact Volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report that former SCA volunteer Lee Paulson passed away on July 19th. Lee and her husband Ron moved to their Crestwood home of over 40 years in 1972. After retirement, Lee gave a lot of her time and energy to producing the SCA newsletter for a decade, back when it was the labor intensive paper, mailed version.

Lee and Ron served our community in various ways as dedicated volunteers and advisors to the SCA. Ron passed in Feb of 2021. This happy couple were salt of the earth and "can-do" people. Volunteering with them was fun and a pleasure. Our sincere condolences to Lee's family and friends.

<https://www.thomasfuneralhomepa.com/obituary/LenoreE-Paulson>





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Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Update

UPDATED Richard Byrd Library hours:

Mon - Tue, 10am – 9pm, Wed – Sat, 10am – 6pm, Sun, closed

Curbside Services Continue to be Offered

Mon 1 – 4pm and Tue – Sat, 10am – 4pm

Be sure to check the Richard Byrd Library website events calendar for regular updates: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/richard-byrd>

Summer Book Sale Success!!

As they say, “it takes a village” ...and our volunteers are our village!

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for all the hard work setting up tables, hauling-opening-unpacking boxes, organizing and fine tuning our thousands of books. We completely rely on your reliable support and dedication to host a great book sale! It took **11 days with 33 volunteers donating a total of 603 hours** of time to setup, sell, and clean up for our fabulous sale. We received so many compliments about how well the book sale was organized and the high quality of items! We continue to have the best volunteers!

The sale brought in just **over \$8,000** for the Friends of Richard Byrd Library to use for children’s programs and classes, adult lectures, periodical subscriptions, county-wide library programs such as the Summer Reading Program, and various requests from our library staff. Thanks so much!

Welcome new staff members!

Letitia Van Campen,
Assistant Branch Manager

John McGillvray,
Information Assistant



Fall for the Book Event: Meet C.W. Goodyear, author of *President Garfield: From Radical to Unifier*. Books available for sale and signing. Cosponsored by Fall for the Book and Friends of the Richard Byrd Library. Tuesday, October 10th, time TBD. In this biography, C.W. Goodyear charts the life and times of one of the most remarkable Americans ever to win the Presidency. Progressive firebrand and conservative compromiser; Union war hero and founder of the first Department of Education; Supreme Court attorney and abolitionist preacher; mathematician; the last president to be born in a log cabin; the second to be assassinated. James Abram Garfield was all these things and more. Over nearly two decades in Congress during a polarized era Garfield served as a peacemaker in a Republican Party and America defined by divisions. He was elected President to overcome them. He was killed while trying to do so.

CoderDojo resumes: After a brief summer break, our CoderDojo program (teaching children to code) resumes at Richard Byrd Library on September 16th, 1 – 3pm (and every third Saturday of each month). And we’re always looking for additional volunteers, especially high school students interested in coding.

Coffee and a Classic Movie: Come by the library on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am to have coffee and watch a classic movie. Check the website (or bulletin board) for each new movie.

Book Donations Welcome!

If you have an especially large volume, please let us know in advance (rbfriends@gmail.com) so we can meet you at the loading dock area in the back of the library. Otherwise leave your donations in the large box under the paper mâché penguin in the front foyer.

Branches Accepting Credit/Debit Cards

The Friends’ Daily Sale area is behind the Checkout Desk. Amazing bargain prices! Stop by to find your next great read! During the national coin shortage, the library is able to accept only credit/debit payments for purchases.

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Richard Byrd Library News

Greetings from Richard Byrd Library! We are excited to announce that the library [returned to its normal operating hours](#) as of August 28. Richard Byrd Library is now open:

- *Monday and Tuesday from 10am-9pm,
- *Wednesday through Saturday from 10am-6pm, and
- *Closed on Sunday.

These expanded hours will give you more opportunities to check out books, enjoy our kids and adult programs and use the other resources available at Richard Byrd Library.

Fall also brings the expansion of the library's [board game lending program](#). Popular board games such as Zingo, 7 Wonders and Codenames are now available to borrow at all branches. Games can be borrowed for 3 weeks and renewed just like other items in our collection. If you want to try a new game before you buy it or if you're looking to entertain visiting friends or family members, check out a game at Richard Byrd Library today!



Shelves of board games available to borrow.



Congratulations to all our Summer Reading Adventure finishers!

Finally, we hope to see you soon at the library for some of the fantastic programs we have coming up. In addition to our storytimes for all ages, our Coffee and a Classic movie program on the first Friday of the month, and our afternoon book club, we will be hosting:

[English Conversation Group](#) on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm, now in person

A new [Technology Help for Beginners](#) program on Friday afternoons from 2-4pm

[Keiki Hawaiian Storytime](#) for ages 4-7 on Saturday, September 23 from 10:30-11:30am in partnership with Ukes Springfield

For information on these and other Richard Byrd Library programs, visit https://bit.ly/RB_Programs.

We would also love the chance to visit you! If you'd like to invite us to participate in an upcoming event with your organization or share information about the library and its resources, please reach out to us at librb@fairfaxcounty.gov. We hope to see you soon!



SIGNATURE CREATIONS

FRENCH VANILLA ICE CREAM
 Cookie Doughn't You Want Some? (Chocolate Chips, Cookie Dough, Fudge & Caramel)
 Banana Caramel Crunch (Roasted Almonds, Bananas & Caramel)
 Apple Pie à La Cold Stone (Cinnamon, Graham Cracker Pie Crust, Apple Pie Filling & Caramel)

CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM
 Chocolate Devotion (Chocolate Chips, Brownie & Fudge)
 Germanchökolatékäke (Peanut, Caramel, Brownie & Caramel)
 Peanut Butter Cup Perfection (Realty Peanut Butter Cup, Peanut Butter & Fudge)

STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM
 Our Strawberry Blonde (Graham Cracker Pie Crust, Strawberries, Caramel & Whipped Topping)
 Surrender to Strawberry (Strawberries, Yellow Cake & Whipped Topping)

CAKE BATTER ICE CREAM
 Birthday Cake Remix (Realty Tiramisu, Brownie & Fudge)
 Cake Batter Batter (Cookie Dough & Brownie)

SWEET CREAM ICE CREAM
 Founder's Favorite (Peanut, Brownie, Fudge & Caramel)
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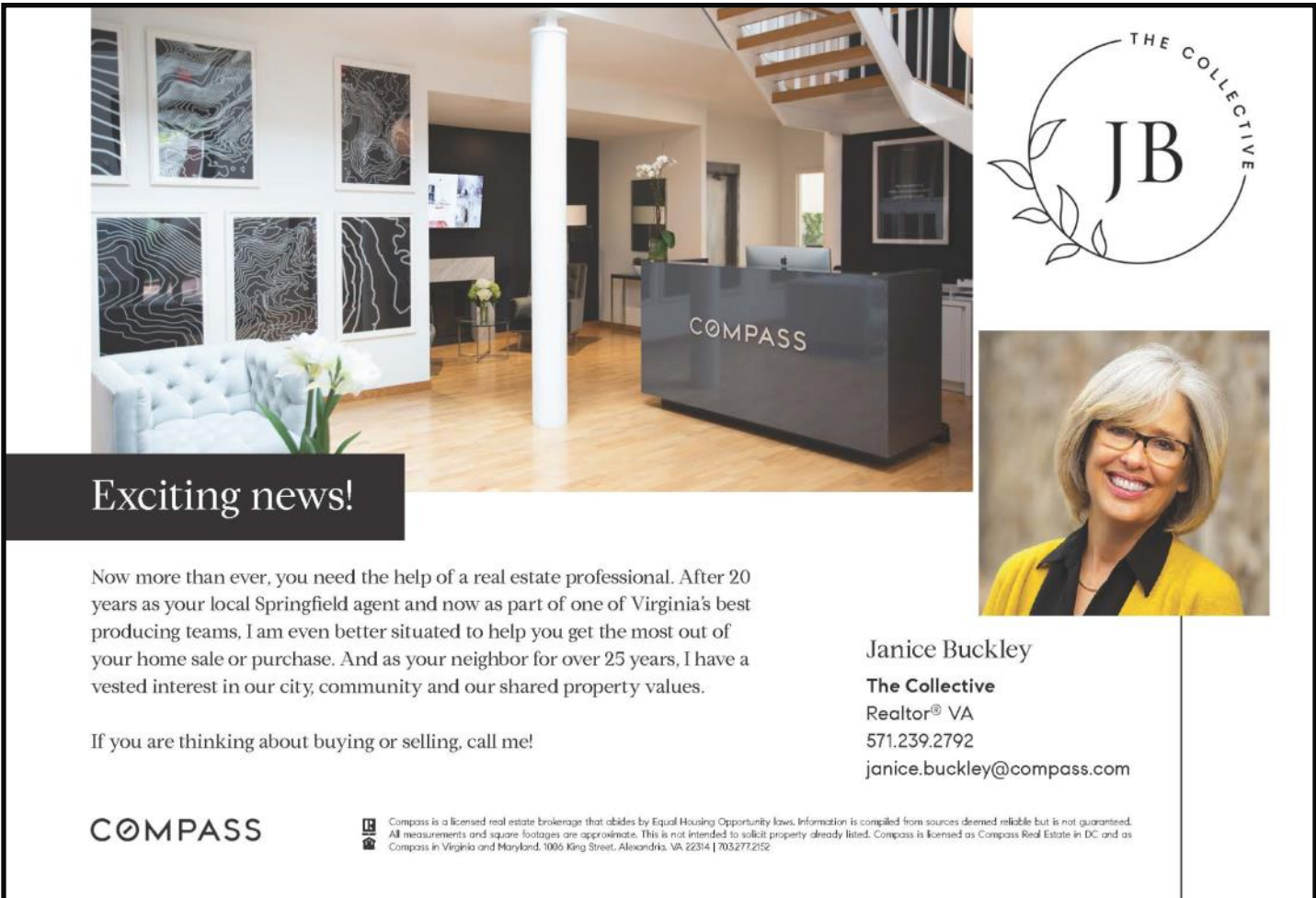
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COFFEE ICE CREAM
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COLD STONE CREAMERY



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FLAP (Friends of Lake Accotink Park)



ACTIVITIES:

Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)

Monthly Announcements

September 2023



FLAP MONTHLY 2023 LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP (2nd Sunday of every month)

WHEN: October 8, November 12, December 10

TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Marina (at the sign-in tent)

Pick up gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps, and more. You will be loaned a FLAP safety vest. Volunteer 4 times and receive your very OWN safety vest to personalize.

ACTIVITIES: Pick-up trash bags and find debris carelessly dumped, dropped, or forgotten. Refill dog waste bag stations if they are empty or near-empty. Clip vines and more.

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

Questions? contact@flapaccotink.org

CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN (2nd Sunday of every month)

WHEN: October 8, November 12, December 10

TIME: 10:30am – 12:00pm

WHERE: Lake Accotink Park, Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden – (next to the signup tent / near the restrooms)

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

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-602959567297>

EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN (2nd Sunday of every month)

WHEN: October 8, November 12, December 10

TIME: 10:30am – 12:00pm

WHERE: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden - (next to the signup tent / near the restrooms).

ACTIVITIES: 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-602955284487>

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The 30 year old playground was removed due to safety concerns. Fairfax County and FCPA staff, along with the LAP Park Manager have proposed the following new structures. Total cost is approximately \$300,000 and will open this fall.

More info can be found at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/lake-accotink-playground-replacement>

(This rendering is provided only to showcase the features of the new playground. The lawn and trees in the image do not precisely emulate the features surrounding the site at Lake Accotink Park.)



Neighborhood Safety Tips

- ◆ Know your neighborhood and consider joining a Neighborhood Watch.
- ◆ Lock all of the doors and windows into your house and consider deadbolts on all entry doors.
- ◆ Use exterior lighting, including motions lights in the rear of your house.
- ◆ Keep your house and yard well maintained.
- ◆ Install a video doorbell system.
- ◆ If you have a house alarm, register it with the county and periodically change the alarm code.
- ◆ Do not leave your keys in your car, lock your car, and keep all valuable property out of sight or in the house.
- ◆ Do not leave personal information in your vehicle, including credit cards.
- ◆ Do not announce vacation plans and details on social media until you return from the vacation.
- ◆ Report any suspicious activity, or vehicles, in your neighborhood to the police non-emergency number (703-691-1231) or 911 for an emergency.
- ◆ Get a security survey of your property. This is a free service provided by the Crime Prevention Office of your district police station.
- ◆ Keep updated on events in your area by following the police department on Facebook, Twitter (X), or Nextdoor.
- ◆ If you have any crime prevention questions or concerns, contact the Franconia Station Crime Prevention Officer at 703-277-2476.



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September Meeting
Tuesday
 September 19, 2023
 7:00pm Social
 7:30pm Meeting

Crestwood Elementary School
6010 Hanover Ave.
Springfield, VA

Topic:
Candidate Forum



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 Where we all come together

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