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Springfield Reporter



Springfield Civic Association

President's Message—Gail Nittle



Mark your calendar for **THURSDAY** March 23rd for our General Membership Meeting! It's a departure from our usual 3rd Tuesday of the month meeting but allows us to have Supervisor Rodney Lusk as our speaker! We are not lacking in topics for Supervisor Lusk to address: the dredging of Lake Accotink, the mixed use housing proposals at the Best Buy plaza and at "Merv's corner" (corner of Old Keene Mill and Backlick Road), home assessment increases, and the proposed salary increases for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to name a few! Our meeting will be at Crestwood Elementary School (6010 Hanover Avenue, Springfield) and we could use some help setting up chairs at 6:30. Social time will start at 7 pm in the school cafeteria followed by our meeting at 7:30. This is meant to be a community meeting; all are welcome. **Bring your questions – written out beforehand! For those who are unable to attend due to health concerns, a zoom link is available. (See page 6)**



At our May meeting, we will vote on Board members. The proposed slate is: Gail Nittle (President), Cassie Planakis (1st VP), Marta Morrissey (2nd VP), Sandy Frieswyk (Treasurer), Peggy Woods-Clark (Secretary), Eric Jones (Director-at-Large) and David Mwangela (Director-at-Large). Heartfelt thanks go to two Board members who are stepping down from the Board: Neema Ngumbau (one of our Directors-at-Large) and Mike Slater, who has been our 2nd VP for years and instrumental in moving the SCA into social media.

Mark your calendars for the Crestwood Children's Festival from 10:30 am-2 pm on Saturday, April 29th. Lots of fun for everyone!

The beautiful daffodils you see on the piece of land along Old Keene Mill between Commerce and Hanover are in part courtesy of the Springfield Acres Garden Club (SAGC). If you're interested in joining or just learning more about this club which was founded in



1955, please contact the SCA at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com.



We lost a couple of wonderful "old timers"- Lendell Steele (left) and Floyd "Fred" Cline (right). Our community has been diminished by their passing!

Final meeting for this year will be May 16, 2023.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, March 23rd!

~Gail

March Meeting
THURSDAY
March 23, 2023
7:00pm—Social
7:30—Meeting

Crestwood Elementary School

Topic:
Q and A
with
Supervisor Rodney Lusk

BREAKING NEWS **CHANGE OF MEETING DATE!!**

Mark your calendars! The March SCA Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23 !!! This is an in person meeting!

The Origins of Lake Accotink

From the Historical Marker Data Base

Indigenous People. The original inhabitants of the lands around Accotink Creek lived as semi-sedentary hunters and gatherers who moved seasonally to follow game. These peoples spoke varying forms of the Algonquin language. The river system provided them with a wealth of resources as well as a means of transportation. The waters teemed with fish and deer and other animals were drawn to its banks. Gathering and farming were also important lifeways. Corn and beans were combined as “succotash” making up half their diet, which was also supplemented with wild berries and nuts. Early peoples were also drawn to the area due to the prolific amount of quartz and other materials from which they could make tools, including projectile points and stone scrapers. With European advancement along the waterways beginning in the early 17th century, the Native Americans were slowly pushed off their lands.



Bridging the Gap. The railroad trestle was built as part of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad in 1851. The line connected the port city of Alexandria with the interior of the state, which allowed for a more efficient exchange of raw materials and imported goods. During his 28 December 1862 raid on nearby Burke's Station, Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart dispatched 12 men under the command of Fitz Lee to burn the railroad bridge over Accotink Creek. Stuart also tore up the rails and cut telegraph lines before withdrawing. The trestle was later rebuilt and continued carrying Union supplies for the duration of the war. In 1917 it was rebuilt out of wrought iron and again from concrete and steel.

Camp A. A. Humphreys. In 1912, the War Department purchased a plot of land that had once been part of the Belvoir estate built by William Fairfax in 1741. The land was meant to serve as a summer camp and rifle range for the engineering corps stationed at nearby Washington Barracks in Washington, DC. With the outbreak of WWI, the camp was turned into a more permanent establishment and named Camp A. A. Humphreys, after a distinguished Civil War engineer. With plans to permanently move the Army Corps of Engineers there in 1919, a water source was needed.



Springfield Dam. Originally known as the Springfield Dam, when it was first built in 1918, the dam created Lake Accotink as a safe, stable water source. The dam originally cost \$100,000 to build and was contracted to the Amburson Construction Company. The reservoir it created covered 110 acres and was 23 feet deep. Because of siltation from storm water runoff, the lake has now shrunk in size. Today Camp A. A. Humphreys is known as Fort Belvoir.



With the development of Springfield during the 1950s, Fort Belvoir opted to move its water source to the Alexandria Water Company. With Lake Accotink no longer needed for a water source, military officers used it as a retreat until the Fairfax County Park Authority leased in in 1960. The part Authority purchased the land for half price in 1965 under the federal “Land to Parks” program.

Lake Accotink Today



Fairfax County Park Authority Timeline and History of Lake Accotink

Select History of the Fairfax County Park Authority Activity Impacting Lake Accotink Park

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/history-timeline>

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b85512da45b8420085167291998d19af>

- 1960 Park Authority Leases Springfield Reservoir
- 1962 Picnic Shelter Built At Lake Accotink – Costs \$10,000
- 1964 Park Authority Prepares to Acquire Lake Accotink as federal government declares the dam and reservoir to be surplus property.
- 1965 Park Authority purchases Springfield Reservoir for \$88,250
- 1966 Second Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$15 million.
- 1968 Lake Accotink Dredged
- 1968 Mini Golf Course At Lake Accotink
- 1971 Third Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$28 million
- 1977 Fourth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$39 million
- 1982 Fifth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$50 million
- 1985 Lake Accotink Dredged**
- 1988 Sixth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$77 million
- 1991 Friends of Lake Accotink Park Established
- 1998 Seventh Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$75 million
- 2002 Eighth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$20 million
- 2004 Ninth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$65 million
- 2006 Tenth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$25 million
- 2008 Eleventh Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$65 million
- 2008 Lake Accotink Dredged**
- 2012 Twelfth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$75 million
- 2014 Park Authority Adopts New Natural Resource Management Plan
- 2016 Thirteenth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$95 million
- 2016 Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) estimated that the lake was filling up again at 23,000 cubic yards of sediment per year**
- 2019 Advertised for Design Consultant**
- 2020 Fourteenth Park Bond Referendum Approved for \$112 million
- 2020 Dredging Project Kickoff; Public Meeting Presents Project Overview**
- 2021 DPWES Develops Project Description For Next Dredging, Estimated Cost \$30 million
- 2021 Field Investigations Complete; Alternatives Analysis Report Posted for Public Comment; Evaluation of Additional Alternatives**
- 2022 Public Meeting to Present Updated Alternatives Analysis Results; New Estimated Cost \$95 million; County Staff Recommend Lake Not Be Dredged**
- 2023 Projected Estimated Cost over the next 25 years is \$300 million**

(Red items not included in Fairfax County Park Authority list of timeline events.)

(Green items added from Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) Project Timeline.)

Let Your Voice Be Heard! Comment on the Future of Lake Accotink!

In October of 2019, after several years of meetings between citizens and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), the Board voted unanimously to dredge Lake Accotink to a depth of 8 feet. Several years of studies and deliberations have gone on since then, no dredging has taken place, and now in 2023, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) have made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that Lake Accotink **be allowed to fill in with silt and no longer dredge it**. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County's beloved Lake Accotink might not be a lake in the future.

There are several reasons FDPA and DPWES came to this conclusion. "The condition of Lake Accotink today is largely due to rapid development within the Accotink Creek watershed in the mid-20th century, which resulted in increased stormwater runoff that eroded streams and sent large amounts of sediment into the U.S. Army drinking water reservoir that became Lake Accotink," one analysis reads. Also, the cost of dredging the lake went from 30 million in 2019 to 95 million in 2023. The cost of follow up dredging for the next 20 years is predicted to be 300 million, making the total projected cost to be 395 million.

If you, like many other residents who don't want to lose Lake Accotink, think there must be alternatives to letting the lake fill up with silt and become a wetlands area, please make the Board of Supervisors aware of your opinions. Let the BOS know what you think the benefits of maintaining Lake Accotink as a "lake" are. Let the BOS know what Accotink Lake means to you and your family.

Below is the contact information for the DPWES. Leave your comments at the end of the survey. Also included is a list of the 10 Board of Supervisors email addresses. Send your comments to each of the supervisors. In addition, send your comments to our national and local representatives. **Let your voice be heard!!** Comments will be accepted until April 1, 2023.

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Beautiful Lake Accotink



Photos by George A. Collier.

George Collier has a long personal history with Lake Accotink. His parents were Springfield residents from the 1960s on. George graduated from John Lewis High School in 1965 and, although he currently lives in Richmond, his love of Lake Accotink continues and is visible in his photographs.

Go to George Collier's website to view more pictures of Lake Accotink Park. <https://www.georgecollier.com/portfolio/accotink>

ZOOM Meeting Information

SCA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 23—7:30pm

This is an in-person meeting!

Unable to physically attend this meeting?

Use this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85681960000>

Meeting ID: 856 8196 0000

or

Use this number to call into the meeting:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Contact the SCA

Do you have a question for the SCA?

Contact us via email at

springfieldcivic@yahoo.com.

Check out our website at

www.springfieldcivic.org.

We're on Facebook ! Check us out at



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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Trails for Youth (TYO) Springs Forward!

As spring 2023 comes into an early bloom, TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) is preparing for lots of fun in nature for local youth. However, the changing of the season is bringing lots of changes to local parks and our organization.

TYO utilizes Brookfield Park and Lake Accotink as two of our main resources to teach you to overcome obstacles on the trail and in life. The existing trail connecting the two parks is an old legacy trail that needs lots of work to sustain, in particular as it crosses the creek numerous times. The masterplan for Brookfield Park includes a trail that would replace the existing trail and be safer and easier to maintain plus it would not cross the creek. TYO and the Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) have both human capital and funds to create this trail and are waiting for the Park Authority to give us the go ahead. The Park's hesitation is towards maintenance of the trail, and both TYO and MORE have decades of experience providing volunteer trail maintenance. Once completed, walkers, hikers and bikers will have a direct route to the CCT without having to use local trafficked roads like Highland St. Until the Park gives the go-ahead, the new trail cannot be built. We are hoping the community will back TYO and MORE on getting this project moving forward.

TYO joins the many residents who are anxious about the pending decision on silt removal at Lake Accotink. TYO is also anxious for the completion of the new trail behind the dam. During the interim closure, we have had to enter the park trails via Danbury Forest Drive. which required either driving or riding with groups of youth on the road. Once the new trails are completed (both in Brookfield and at Lake Accotink) TYO and other residents of the SCA area will be able to have safer rides with less of an environmental footprint.

Finally, TYO itself is changing, we are downsizing and moving to a Board of Directors led organization. We still are planning 50 events annually for local youth but will no longer have a full time Executive Director. The Board is responding positively to this new challenge and are taking it head-on. Ultimately our goal remains the same, provide opportunities that wouldn't exist for our program youth if not for TYO. Please join us as we do and state your support for us, and our local parts

Julie Childers

TYO Co-Founder and Board Member




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Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update

Richard Byrd Library hours:

Mon 1 – 9pm, Tue – Sat, 10am – 6pm, Sun, closed

Curbside Services Continue to be Offered

Mon 1 – 4pm, Tue – Sat, 10am – 4pm

Next Book Sale!!

Look for our next book sale in early June...lots of summer reading bargains! Need a good read before June, stop by the **daily sale** at the library (behind Check-out Desk).

CoderDojo Workshops

Participation is increasing for the Friends sponsored CoderDojo workshops! Children ages 7 - 12 years old learn to code using curriculum developed jointly by MIT and Harvard graduate students specifically designed to teach children how to code. Workshops are held 1 – 3 PM on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Register in advance on the FCPL website.

Coffee and a Classic Movie / Apr 7, 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...an aging cowboy inherits a brothel and decides to turn it into a boarding house.

Branches Accepting Credit/Debit Cards

The Friends' Daily Sale is open in its usual location behind the Checkout Desk. Same 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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Your engagement helps us reach an even broader audience!

Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.

This year, 2023, is starting out as a very successful year for our Pink Elephant Shop. We have three new members to help us in our consignment shop and people are embracing thrifting – finding great items at reduced prices and receiving money for the lightly used items that they consigned. The Pink Elephant Shop is located in the Concord Center at 6127-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA.

Our community programs like our layette program, emergency school clothing, and healthy snacks are being delivered, and we look forward to presenting our annual scholarship to a graduating senior. We are also looking forward to our spring luncheon which, this year, will be at Maggiano's in the Springfield Town Center.

The Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc. is an all-volunteer service organization that has served the Springfield, Virginia Community since 1954. The Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc. owns and operates The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop. The consignment shop can be reached at 703-451-2467.



Volunteers at Woodlawn Needlework Show



Pink Elephant Shop



March is Woman's Month

Franconia District Police Station Seminar



Fairfax County Police, Franconia District
Station Presents:

SENIOR SCAMS SEMINAR

First Baptist Church of
Springfield
7300 Gary St, Springfield VA 22150

March 27th, 2023
at 11:00am - 1:00 PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED




Studies are showing a nationwide increase in cases and complaints related to senior financial fraud and exploitation. The Federal Trade Commission recently reported that fraud losses increased more than 70 percent over the past few years, totaling more than \$5.8 billion in loss for 2021-2022.

Criminal exploitation of our older residents is a problem – so much so that preventing scams and fraud is a key initiative in the [Fairfax 50+ Community Action Plan](#). But while research reports that it's our most vulnerable neighbors who are at greater risk, even those who are mentally aware and well educated can fall victim to these scams.

Criminals like to prey on those who appear vulnerable, and often times our older friends, neighbors and loved ones are tagged as easy targets. That's why the Franconia District Police Station is holding this event. This seminar helps older adults avoid being scammed by sharing critical information about current scams via local educational events.

The Senior Scams Seminar will be held from 11:00am-1:00pm on March 27th, 2023 at the First Baptist Church of Springfield at 7300 Gary St., Springfield, VA.

American Association of University Women (AAUW)



The Springfield-Annandale branch of the American Association of University Women will host district Supervisor Penny Gross on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Gross will speak about the challenges facing Fairfax County. The meeting will be held at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, VA.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, they have worked together as a national grassroots organization to **improve the lives of millions of women and their families.**



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice **promoting equity and education** for women and girls. Since our founding, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

Richard Byrd Library News

Greetings from Richard Byrd Library! Thank you to all those who participated in Fairfax County Public Library's (FCPL) Winter Reading Challenge. At Richard Byrd Library, we saw 71 participants across all age ranges with 48 finishers. Stay tuned for the Summer Reading Adventure where we hope to see even higher participation!

FCPL has a new item available for its younger customers. LaunchPads are guided learning tablets with pre-loaded apps, stories and videos on several themes to provide kids with an interactive learning experience. Nothing needs to be downloaded, the tablets do not connect to the internet, and tablets can be borrowed for 3 weeks at a time. For more information about LaunchPads and other items in our Library of Things collection, please visit research.fairfaxcounty.gov/lot or stop by the Richard Byrd Library to try one out.

We have activities for our adult community as well. Aspiring authors can join poetry writing workshops during the month of March. Once you've honed your skills, submit your poem in free verse, rhyming or ode format between April 1 – May 7, 2023 to be eligible to win a \$50 Amazon coupon. Be sure to visit the Poetic Musings 2023 Poetry Contest page at bit.ly/FCPL_Poetic for more information. In addition, Richard Byrd Library is working with the Department of Cable and Consumer Services on programs in early April related to digital literacy and lowering your cable bill. Stay tuned for more information about these two exciting programs.

Lastly, FCPL is holding our Read and Feed food donation drive again. Throughout the month of April, visitors can drop off unexpired, commercially produced food items at Richard Byrd Library for use by Food for Others. A list of accepted items will be posted on our website closer to the start of the event. We hope to see you soon!



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CAKE BATTER ICE CREAM
 Birthday Cake Remix (Realty Tiramisu, Brownie & Fudge)
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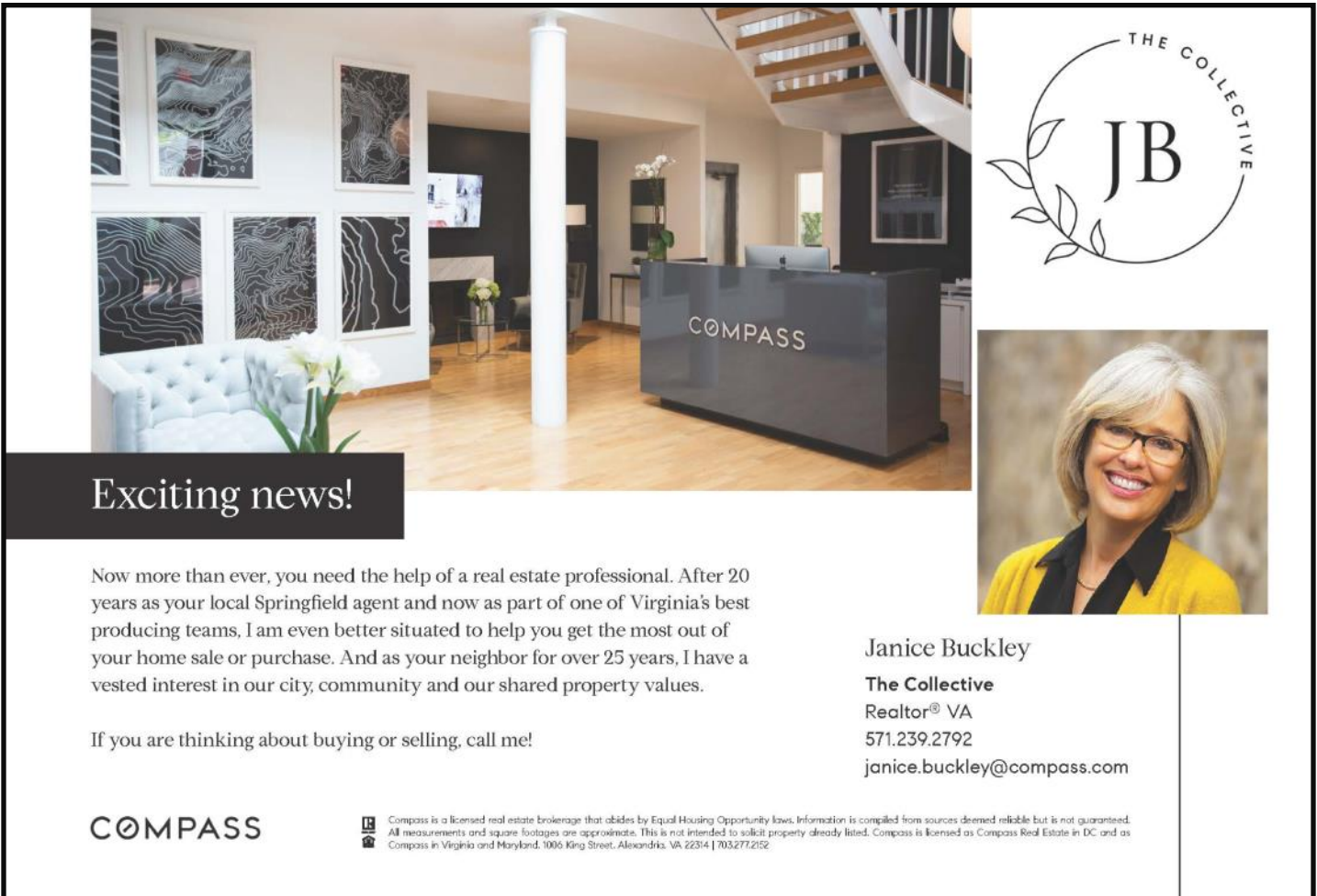
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The Loss of Two Springfield Long-Time Residents

Lendell E. Steele

May 5, 1928 – November 15, 2022



Born and raised in small towns in North Carolina, Lendell came from very humble beginnings. He worked hard his whole life...from selling candy bars door-to-door as a child during the depression to milking cows, hauling ice and coal, to analyzing fertilizer samples, serving as a mill worker and dishwasher in college cafeterias. He put himself through college, including Mars Hill University, GWU and American University, graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry and Masters in Economics.

As an officer in the Air Force and Reserves, he worked in the atomic, biological & chemical warfare field, leading to a 39-year career with the Naval Research Lab as a nuclear physicist, researcher, and expert in the field of radiation safety of materials. He authored and edited numerous books in his field and travelled the world making presentations on these topics to colleagues. He also served as Chairman of the Board of the American Society for Testing and Materials, where he was recognized for his knowledge and expertise. He served as a consultant in the nuclear field with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Lendell and his wife of 65 years Rowena, moved to Springfield, Virginia in 1953, settling in the Crestwood neighborhood as original homeowners, where they raised their four daughters. Lendell taught his girls to swim at the Springfield Swim Club, where he also cheered on his grandson at dive meets.

Lendell is survived by his loving daughters, their husbands, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, a sister, and friends and neighbors who loved him dearly.

Floyd Frederick (Fred) Cline

April 19, 1937 – March 5, 2023

Springfield resident of over 50 years.

Memorial Service: Saturday, 18 March 2023 at 11 am at Belvoir Chapel The Memorial Service will be live-streamed on the Ft. Belvoir Religious Face Book page. <https://www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirRSO>
(A link to the service will be available and sent out after the service.)



Interment: Arlington National Cemetery – date to be determined

Floyd Frederick (Fred) Cline died on March 5, 2023, as a result of respiratory complications while battling pneumonia. Fred was born on April 19, 1937 in Xenia, Ohio. He served our Nation with distinction during a twenty-year career in the U.S. Army spending fourteen of those twenty years overseas completing two tours in Vietnam, two tours in Korea and two tours in Germany. On his first tour in Germany, he met and married his beloved wife, Renate on May 13, 1960. Fred began his second career of twenty years in 1976 on the Capitol Police Force where he served with distinction in a variety of assignments. In his retirement, Fred worked selflessly in support of American Legion Post 176 in Springfield Virginia. While there, he served as the Sergeant at Arms for many years and was selected as the Sergeant at Arms Emeritus in 2021. Additionally, he served as Member At Large on the Post Executive Committee. For years, Fred served as an election official at Crestwood School and as an unofficial greeter at SCA meetings. He brought this same level of commitment to his home church, the Chapel at Fort Belvoir Virginia where he volunteered as the Usher Coordinator, the administrator for the men's ministry, Belvoir Men of Faith and with the AWANA children's ministry. Fred was a man of quiet faith whose life of loving service reflected the love of Jesus Christ. Fred will be sorely missed but we take comfort in the words of the Apostle Paul who reminds us with confidence that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Fred is survived by his wife of 62 years, Renate and his younger brother Steven D. Cline of Xenia Ohio. Fred's middle brother, Jerry Jr., predeceased Fred a number of years ago. Both brothers blessed Fred with many nieces and nephews who live in Michigan and Texas. He is also survived by scores of his brothers and sisters in Christ whom he loved and served and who in turn loved him.

ECHO News



Why ECHO Requests Lemon Juice

ECHO has changed its model of food distribution. Volunteers no longer pack bags of food for clients from a predetermined list. Clients now choose foods in a mini-mart type setting, getting amounts based on family size. Besides adding dignity to the process, this model cuts waste by giving clients the food they actually serve their families.

Our donors have probably noticed that ECHO's most-needed list now includes foods like lemon or lime juice, masa flour, honey, tortillas, green tea, sardines, and nuts. These are among the items our clients from diverse backgrounds are reaching for with gratitude. We have found that lemon and lime juice are extremely popular. Limes and lemons are a normal ingredient to give a sour/acid contrast to a large variety of dishes in many countries' cuisines. When shopping to donate to ECHO, please consider including a bottle of lime or lemon juice or even some fresh lemons or limes.

Upcoming Food Drives for ECHO:

March 18, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road.

ECHO Prepares for Food Stamp Changes

With the current variant of the COVID pandemic behind us, everyone is adjusting to "new normal." At ECHO, we are anticipating the end of the temporary increases to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, commonly known as Food Stamps. Many of the people ECHO provides with donated clothing and housewares receive SNAP benefits. We know that adjusting to the lowered limits will be difficult for them. Lowered benefits won't lower need. We hope our donor community continues the extraordinary generosity they have shown over the past three challenging years to make sure no one in our community goes hungry.

Treasures Galore at the Spring Yard Sale!

ECHO's Yard Sales started in 1998 and have grown in size and popularity ever since! The next one will be held at St. Bernadette's School Gym, 7602 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, on Saturday, April 15 from 8:00 until noon. Come early to find the best jewelry, decorative items, baskets, electronics, fashion accessories and more! Proceeds benefit ECHO which serves people in need in Burke, Springfield and part of Alexandria. It's a fun treasure hunt for the whole community that supports a wonderful mission.

This Month, ECHO Needs

ECHO's Clothing Room is starting to offer clients spring and summer clothing. ECHO needs new or gently used men's jeans in waist sizes 29 through 34; t-shirts for both genders, child and adult sizes; sweatpants for both genders, child and adult sizes; sneakers in sizes for men, older boys and older girls; and new underwear in men's sizes.

ECHO has a few volunteer openings, but especially needs some help on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. Areas where extra hands are needed include the Clothing Room, assisting clients in choosing clothing for their families; Food Room, assisting clients as they choose groceries; Donation Door, assisting donors with boxes and bags of donations/writing receipts. We also need an assistant family counselor on Mondays.

ECHO's hours of operation at its headquarters at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, are weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 and one Saturday morning a month.

Donating Gift Cards to ECHO- Please Consider This

Donations are ECHO's lifeblood, and the generosity of our donors has allowed ECHO to make a difference in the lives of thousands of people in need over the years. Some donations, however, are difficult for ECHO to use, and retail gift cards are among those. While some non-profits can use donated gift cards in their work, ECHO cannot.

We make food, clothing and household goods available to clients, but we do not give out store gift cards. If ECHO pays for housing or utility costs in an emergency, we pay the vendors directly. We give food, both non-perishable and specific refrigerated foods directly to clients, trying to treat everyone equally.

The accounting even becomes complicated for ECHO volunteers if gift cards are used to pay for purchases for the organization. We respectfully, and gratefully, ask our donors to help ECHO by donating money or by using the Amazon Wishlist to supply specifically needed items. The links are on our website at www.echo-inc.org.



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Special Olympics Ski Team - Winter Competitions Success!

In our previous newsletter, we highlighted our local Special Olympics Alpine athletes who were training at Lake Accotink. Since then, those courageous athletes hit the slopes of Liberty Mountain to practice their speed and turns on snow. Then they packed their bags for Winter Competitions!

Area 26 Alpine Ski Team competed at the Pennsylvania Winter Games at Seven Springs Resort February 14-16. Weather proved challenging for winter outdoor competitions with 65 degrees and sunny the first day, and 50 degrees and raining the second day. However, the athletes put forth their best performances!

Competing at the Novice level in Giant Slalom, Super Giant Slalom (Super-G), and Slalom, Ashleigh Tootle brought home 3 gold medals, and Sebastian McNeal took 3 silver medals.

Competing at the Intermediate level, Daniel Israel earned a bronze medal in Super-G and two 5th place ribbons in his division. Ryan Morrissey earned a silver medal in Slalom, plus 4th and 6th place ribbons.

Many thanks to the dedicated coaches and volunteers that helped the team throughout the season, from pre-season training through on-snow practice, and competition.

On May 4th at 7pm., the improv troupe Party Mix will be performing at the James Lee Community Center for the benefit of our Alpine team! Mark your calendar and watch for more details in the next newsletter.



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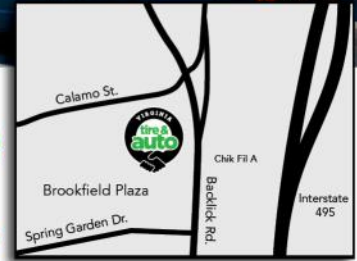
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Residents can learn more about the regulations for the keeping of animals, including chickens, in subsection 4102.7.J of the Zoning Ordinance and from the Department of Planning and Development's Keeping of Animals flyer at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/sites/planning-development/files/assets/documents/zoning/keeping-of-animals-flyer.pdf



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May 24, 6:30-7:30pm, Lake Accotink Park (Large Pavilion)

August 10, 6:30-7:30pm, Lake Accotink Park (Large Pavilion)

November 16, 6:30-7:30pm, Community of Christ Church (Ravensworth Farm), 5610 Inverchapel Road, Springfield

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