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May Meeting <u>Tuesday, May 20,</u> <u>2025</u> 7:00pm—Social 7:30pm—Meeting Crestwood Elementary School

Program: "Plants I Can't Live With Or Without"

David Yost Plant Specialist Fair Oaks and Merrifield Locations of Merrifield Garden Center



Springfield Civic Association

President's Message—Gail Nittle

With the great weather we've been enjoying, the speaker and topic for our May 20th meeting at Crestwood School could not be more appropriate ... "Plants I can't Live With or Without." David Yost, Plant Specialist at the Fair Oaks and Merrifield locations of Merrifield Garden Center, will be our speaker. David explains, "I want to use several examples of plants that have failed and others that have succeeded. After 50 years of gardening, I think it still comes down to the old mantra of; right plant, right place."



Passionate about helping customers solve gardening dilemmas, you can find David with his plant Rx pad in hand, prescribing treatment plans at the Fair Oaks and Merrifield Plant Clinics. You may know David from his co-hosting days on Merrifield's Gardening Advisor TV show. David received his degree in horticulture from Virginia Tech and since then has worked as a landscape designer, arborist, and county extension agent. He is a Virginia Certified Professional Horticulturalist and Pesticide Applicator, and a past president of the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association. Come and ask the expert!

At our May meeting, SCA members will be voting on the slate of officers for next year: Gail Nittle, President; Cassie Planakis, 1st VP; Marta Morrissey, 2nd VP; Sandra Frieswyk, Treasurer; Peggy Woods-Clark, Secretary; Eric Jones, Director-at-Large; and Royes Gernandt, Director-at-Large.



You may have noticed, driving down Old Keene Mill, that the County folks directing Central Springfield's Revitalization have been busy landscaping the Welcome to Springfield sign. The Committee has also been working on plans for a public art display at the TownePlace Suites Springfield on Bland Street and murals for the Commuter Garage.

Our U. S. Representative, Congressman Gerry Connolly recently sent out an update on his health: "The sun is setting on my time in public service, and this will be my last term in Congress. I will be stepping back as Ranking

Member of the Oversight Committee soon. With no rancor and a full heart, I move into this final chapter full of pride in what we've accomplished together over 30 years. My loving family and staff sustain me. My extended



family – you all have been a joy to serve." For years, Congressman Connolly served Franconia (formerly Lee) District as well as Fairfax County. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he fights a recurrence of cancer.

We're looking forward to seeing you at Crestwood Elementary School on Tuesday, May 20th! Come with your gardening questions and enjoy a great evening!

~Gail



News from Supervisor Rodney Lusk

Dear Residents of Springfield,

There are many ways to celebrate spring and summer in the Franconia District. The Kingstowne Farmers Market opened on Friday, May 2, and will be open every Friday through October 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. There are several new vendors this year, ranging from produce and flowers to prepared foods and baked goods. View the list of vendors here: <u>Kingstowne Farmers Market | Park Authority</u>. This year we are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of Huntley Meadows Park and the 200th anniversary of Historic Huntley.



Dropping off 130 pounds of food donated by residents to ECHO

I'm especially looking forward to the addition of two children's programs in Springfield, sponsored by my office. The "Children's Concert on the Green" series will be held on the roof of the Springfield Commuter Garage on Saturday, June 14 and 21, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. This exciting pilot demonstrates just one potential use of the green space atop the garage. The annual Franconia Nights concert series will begin on Wednesday, July 2, at Franconia District Park.

I know many are interested in the progress of the Virginia Department of Transportation's two Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) studies in the area. These studies bring together transportation agencies, the community, and local representatives to identify cost-effective measures that improve safety and reduce congestion. The <u>Franconia Road and Com-</u> <u>merce Street STARS</u> study held a second round of public involvement in April this year to get feedback on proposed alternatives, and the final report is expected this summer. The <u>South Van Dorn Street STARS study</u> which also includes Franconia Road between Grovedale Dr and Thomas Edison High School, held their first round public involvement in March. The project team expects a second round of involvement to be held in mid-2025 which will request feedback on potential alternatives.

Spring and summer also bring service changes for Fairfax Connector and Metro. Effective Saturday, May 17, Route <u>670</u> offers a cross-county connection from Chantilly to Franconia-Springfield. The 670 utilizes the Express Lanes on both I-66 and I-495 for a quicker commute. This service is only available during weekday rush hour. Route <u>350</u> has been realigned to service the new Franconia District Governmental Center in Kingstowne. From July 5-26, track work will be done on the southern end of the Blue Line. The Franconia-Springfield and Van Dorn St stations will be closed, but the parking garages/lots will remain open. Shuttles will be available. Learn more here: <u>Metro reminds customers of upcoming Blue and Green line construction this summer | WMATA</u>.

Lastly, the Board of Supervisors approved the final budget on May 13, 2025. A week earlier, on May 6, 2025 the Third Quarter Review, Food and Beverage Tax, and FY26-30 Capital Improvement Project received final approval. Some highlights of the changes include:

- A 1.75-cent reduction from the tax rate proposed in the FY 26 Advertised Budget, resulting in a total decrease of the real estate tax rate by 0.25-cents. On the average real estate tax bill, that 1.75 cent reduction results in an estimated \$140 in savings for residents and businesses.
- A 4% Food and Beverage (Meals) Tax will begin collection on January 1, 2026, in order to allow time for implementation. County staff estimate that approximately 34% of the revenue generated from the Meals Tax will be paid by the nearly 267,000 people who commute and visit our county but do not live here.
- Several of the most impactful proposed reductions that I had advocated for had their funding restored, including but not limited to the Middle School After School Program, High School Crossing Guards, Emergency Transport service reductions at 4 stations, Park Trail Maintenance, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and supportive and inclusion services at senior centers.
- The Board will allocate the remaining \$2.5 million to a new fund called the Reserve for Economic Uncertainty, to be used to address potential federal impacts. The FY 25 Third Quarter Review's remaining unallocated funding of \$8.06 million and an additional \$2 million dollars from the Board of Supervisor's district capital project funds, was also placed into the reserve fund. In total, \$12.6 million was placed into the Reserve for Economic Uncertainty. (cont'd on pg. 3)

News From Supervisor Rodney Lusk (cont'd)

- Even with the restoration of some proposed reductions, the Board approved approximately \$50 million in spending reductions this year.
- Lastly, the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program was approved. The most notable change approved was the minimum one-year delay in requesting construction bids for the Judicial Annex project given the fiscal climate. This change is also estimated to save \$17 million in FY27's Budget due to the delay in first-year debt service payments.

This was an extraordinarily tough budget year, but I believe this budget strikes the right balance of reduced spending and revenue generation and is aimed at mitigating costs for residents. This budget also importantly helps us to prepare for serious economic uncertainty stemming from actions at the federal level.

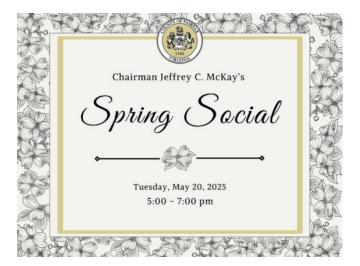
With that said, I also noted to my colleagues that we need to do more to invest in the growth of our commercial sector, which has slowed in the wake of the pandemic. We must look to draw businesses in high-growth industries, like artificial intelligence, aero-space and space technologies, and quantum technology, into Fairfax County. At the same time, we must continue to expand and support our startup ecosystem for emerging businesses. The Board should consider the use of reserve funds, such as the Economic Opportunity Reserve, to strategically invest in the Economic Development Authority, the Department of Economic Initiatives, and existing businesses in order to ensure the successful future of our commercial sector. This will set our County up for success and build economic resiliency by broadening and growing our commercial tax base and reducing our overreliance on residential property taxes.

As always, please feel free to contact my office if we can help you in any way. It is both an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your representative on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer.

Note: This article was submitted on May 7th prior to a May 13th vote by the Board on final approval. Changes between budget markup and the final version are unlikely and not anticipated. Should a change occur, we will inform the Springfield Civic Association to share.

Chairman McKay's Spring Social 2025

Chairman Jeff McKay invites you to celebrate spring at the Fairfax County Government Center! Join us for an evening filled with light refreshments, exciting raffles, and the opportunity to connect with neighbors and friends.



Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

REGISTER HERE: <u>https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/jg2mgbe</u>

ECHO Needs

What and Who ECHO Needs Now

ECHO has some volunteer openings that require special skills. We are looking for someone who has the interest and ability to use photo and/or video equipment to capture special events for our Communications Team. We are also looking for a few

people to join the Grant Writing Team that searches for funding sources and completes applications. Work on the Grant Writing Team can be done remotely on the volunteer's schedule. ECHO is looking for a person to become a Client Engagement Chair to work with our counseling volunteers in determining client eligibility. There are also volunteer openings for people who want to manage donations or work with clients on a regular weekly schedule. Those interested in finding out more should email volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

Our Clothing Department needs baby clothes in sizes 0-18 months, sneakers in child and adult sizes, spring jackets for children and adults, and new athletic socks in all sizes. Our Housewares Department would like to have gently used shower curtains, shower curtain rings, and hand towels. Please bring donations to our Donation Door at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road on weekdays between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, or between 7:00 and 9:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Receipts are happily provided.

Alas, We Have No Magicians Here

We have fabulous volunteers, but none of them can magically make broken equipment whole again or create cables or parts for donated items that are missing them. We don't have elves who can get permanent stains out of clothing, or replace broken zippers, or repair rips in clothing or household goods. If your donation isn't something you would give or loan to a friend, it isn't something we'd give to our clients either. They are our- and your neighbors! Broken, stained, or torn donations create a further burden for ECHO. Our organization must pay for commercial trash hauling, so it costs money and volunteer time to manage unusable goods. Please help by assessing your donations carefully. Under the "Donate Goods" tab on our homepage at www.echo-inc.org, find guidelines for what we can and can't accept.

Child Safety Seat Inspection

May 17th, May 31st and June 14th

Franconia Governmental Center,

6121 Franconia Road, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

It has been estimated that more than 70% of child safety seats are improperly installed. Inspections are done on a first come, first

served basis. Be sure to install the child safety seat yourself beforehand so the inspection can be performed. If necessary, the seat will be properly re-installed, and you will be shown how to install the seat properly in the future.



Summer Water Safety Tips

As families begin to enjoy aquatic centers, pools, splash pads, waterparks and open bodies of water for recreational water activities this Memorial Day weekend, it is vital to ensure safety is a priority for all people. The National Water Safety Month campaign supporters offer six important tips and reminders for parents and caregivers about safer water practices.

- 1. **Provide Constant Adult Supervision** Actively supervise children and non-swimmers around the water, even when lifeguards are present. Don't just drop kids off. Avoid distracting activities such as checking email or social media.
- 2. Learn to Swim No matter your age, learning to swim is one of the best ways to be safer in and around the water.
- 3. Look for Lifeguards Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- 4. Swim with A Buddy — Do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system.
- 5. Wear A Life Jacket Adults and kids should always wear a properly-fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket while boating. Non-swimmers and inexperienced swimmers should also always wear a life jacket when in and around the water. Inflatable toys can be fun but are not a substitute for U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- 6. Learn CPR.—Learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies by learning CPR.





Richard Byrd Library News



Summer Reading Adventure

Our Summer Reading Adventure will be starting on June 11. Beginning June 4, you can visit fairfaxcounty.beanstack.org and register for this popular reading program. Readers of all ages can earn virtual badges by reading or listening to books, completing activities, or a combination of each. Once you've met the goal for your age or grade, visit Richard Byrd Library to receive your prize and add your name to our finishers wall. For more information, please visit <u>bit.ly/FCPL-SRA</u>.

As part of the Summer Reading Adventure, we have some wonderful programs for the whole family to enjoy. First, there will be a free Summer Reading Festival at Sherwood Regional Library on Saturday, June 14 from 10am-1pm. In addition, Richard Byrd Library will be hosting the following programs:

June 18 at 11am, <u>Dinoman Dinosaurs</u>

July 9 at 10:30am, Backpack Puppets: Fun Farm Show

July 23 at 10:30am, Cantaré: Mucha Música

July 29 at 1:30pm, Princess Storytime with Enchanted Empowerment

August 6 at 11am, Spectacular Science: Fire and Ice

August 8 at 3pm, Rock and Rhyme with Mr. John and Friends

More information on these programs will be available soon at bit.ly/RB Programs.

Upcoming Events at Richard Byrd

In addition to these activities, we have some great programs coming this summer, including:

- <u>Free Speech and Language Screenings</u>, Saturday, May 24 from 1-5pm. Free speech screenings for children will be offered in partnership with the Fairfax County Health Department. To register, visit <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/apps/</u><u>scheduleappointment/Schedule.aspx?aid=28</u>.
- <u>Broadway Musical Bingo</u>, Friday, June 20 from 1:30-2:30pm. Celebrate Pride Month and the contributions of LGTBQIA musicians and writers with a fun Broadway music bingo game.
- <u>Get Ahead with a Better Resume</u>, Saturday, July 19 from 2-3pm. Create a compelling resume with author Colonel Carla D. Bass, USAF (Ret).

We host story times, book clubs, English conversation groups, art programs, and other activities each month as well for the whole community to enjoy. For more information on all of Richard Byrd's programs, visit <u>bit.ly/RB_Programs</u>.

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!

Make Your Home Summertime Safe

Vacation Season Approaches

May brings warm weather, graduations, and the vacation season. It also signals an increase in burglaries. Although burglaries can and do occur in every month of the year, the summer months have significantly more. The increase is due in part to people being away from home. Here are some tips on how to reduce your risk while you are traveling:

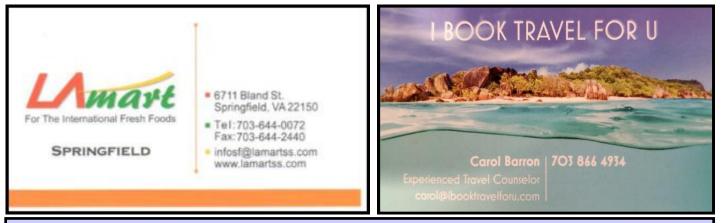
- Avoid announcing your vacation plans on social media.
- Ensure your residence appears occupied, even when no one is home, by using timers on TVs and lights.
- Stop mail, newspaper and package deliveries while you are away, or have a neighbor, relative, or friend pick up and secure items for you.
- Have a trusted neighbor, relative, or friend check on your home periodically.

At any time of the year, there are some simple precautions you can take to help protect your home:

- Install security cameras, preferably devices with recording capabilities.
- Keep doors and windows closed and locked.
- Secure sliding glass doors by placing a rod or wooden dowel in the track.
- Lock the door between an attached garage and the living space.
- Keep the perimeter of your home well-lit.
- Keep landscaping trimmed near entrances and walkways.
- Organize or join a Neighborhood Watch program.
- Store ladders, tools, and any other outside objects in a locked shed or garage.
- Set a reminder every night before bed to lock and check your car and home.

And, of course, report suspicious activity to the FCPD non-emergency number at (703) 691-2131 or, for an emergency or crime in progress, use 9-1-1.

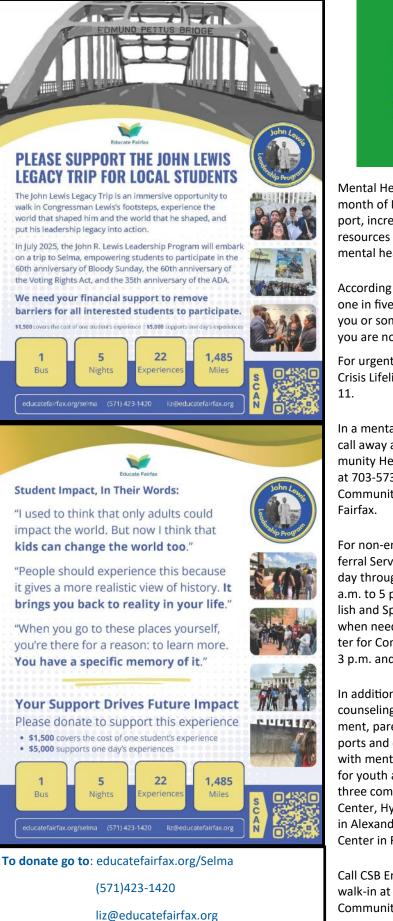
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Mental Health Awareness Month, observed every year during the month of May, is an opportune time to fight stigma, provide support, increase awareness and remind individuals of the services and resources that exist to support the millions of people impacted by mental health issues.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), nearly one in five people experience a mental health concern each year. If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health issue, you are not alone and resources are available.

For urgent mental health-related distress, call the 24/7 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 703-527-4077 or 9-8-8, or text "CONNECT" to 855-11.

In a mental health or substance use emergency, help is just a phone call away and walk-in services at the Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health (CSB) are available 24/7. Call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679, TTY 711, or come to the Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health, 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Lower Level, Fairfax.

For non-emergency CSB behavioral health services, call Entry & Referral Services at 703-383-8500 during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 703-383-8500, TTY 711. Staff can take calls in English and Spanish and can access interpreters for other languages when needed. Individuals can also walk-in at the Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to serving adults, the CSB provides individual and family counseling, psychiatric diagnostic evaluations, medication management, parenting groups, peer support, crisis response, recovery supports and other services for individuals ages 3-18 (and their families) with mental health concerns and substance use disorders. Services for youth and families are available at CSB locations in addition to three community centers: the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, Hybla Valley Community Center

in Alexandria and James Lee Community Center in Falls Church.

Call CSB Entry & Referral Services or walk-in at the Sharon Bulova Center for Community Health to get started.



A Doggone Good Day!

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Calling dog parents and dog lovers to join the Braddock District Office for the <u>4th An-</u> <u>nual Braddock Bark</u> Dog Festival on Sunday, May 18, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the McLaren-Sargent Shelter at Lake Accotink Park (5660 Heming Avenue, Springfield).

1–4 PM Sunday, May 18 McLaren Sargent Pavilion at Lake Accotink Park 5660 Heming Avenue, Springfield, VA



Join the paw-tay for free activities

Adoption Opportunities
 Local pet non-profit
 & business booths
 Doggy Splash Zone

Prood vendors & more!

FAIRFAX

Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shetter All **leashed** dogs are welcome!

For more information: braddockevents@fairfaxcounty.gov

This fun-filled event will include activities for the entire family with a focus on our furry friends. Enjoy a doggie splash area, a kids activity table, giant board games, dog adoption opportunities, a dog agility and obstacle course area, and food vendors. A free canine CPR demonstration, courtesy of Becky's Pet Care Inc., will be offered.

Dogs that wear a costume or accessories will have a double chance to win the raffle of dog toys courtesy of Swift Paws, a Lure Coursing product company. Additionally, the Washington Capitals and several dog businesses will join to provide free giveaways.

Come and enjoy the paw-tay and help raise funds for the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to continue providing the much-needed assistance to animals in the Fairfax County Animal Shelter!

SCA Board of Directors Elections

At our May meeting, SCA members will be voting on the slate of officers for the 2025/2026 year. No organization runs without the support of dedicated volunteers. We are lucky to have had such talented people on our Board. Our proposed slate of officers is as follows:

- Gail Nittle, President
- Cassie Planakis, 1st. Vice President
- Marta Morrissey, 2nd, Vice President
- Sandy Frieswyk, Treasurer
- Peggy Woods-Clark, Secretary
- Eric Jones, Director at Large
- Royes Gernandt, Director at Large



Sponsor Spotlight—Debbie Dogrul Associates



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The Northern Virginia Chorale Presents: "Love is in the Air"



Featuring:

- "Revccy venir du Printans" by Claude Le Jeune (French)
- "Shall I Compare Thee?" by Kara Stacy
 Bedwell
- "Arirang" by Hyo-Won Woo (Korean)
- "Shenandoah", trad., arr. by James Erb
- "Loch Lomond", (Scotrad., arr. by Jonathan Quick
- "Caritas" by Elaine Hagenberg, from "Illuminare"
- "Set Me As A Seal" by René Clausen
- "It's a Grand Night for Singing" by Rogers and Hammerstein
- The NVC Chamber Ensemble
 - o Now is the Gentle Season
 - The Fields Abroad
 - o Springtime Mantleth Every Bough
 - o It Had to Be You & You Made Me Love You



Saturday, May 17, 2025, 4:00 PM



Reception with light snacks will follow

Location: St. Mark's Lutheran Church 5800 Backlick Road Springfield, VA 22150-0701 Adults: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$50 season Students (12-24 years): \$10 Children under 12 years: free Order tickets online at: <u>www.northernvirginiachorale.org/box-office</u>

The Northern Virginia Chorale is supported in part by grants from the following organizations:







Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update

Richard Byrd Library hours:

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

Check the website events calendar for in-person programs: <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/richard-byrd</u>

Books...Need more? Book Sale coming!!



Preview Sale: Wednesday, May 28th, 2 – 5pm, \$10 admission fee. Open to all: Thursday, May 29th, 10am – 6pm Friday, May 30st 10am – 6pm Saturday, May 31st, 10am – 6pm Sunday, June 1st, 12 – 2pm, Bag Sale (\$5/bag)

We're always looking for volunteers to help before, during and after the sale; send an email to <u>RBFriends@gmail.com</u> to get on our distribution list.

Daily Sale Always Available!

Can't wait until the next big sale?...the Friends' Daily Sale is always available behind the Checkout Desk. Bargain prices and great variety! Stop by to find your next great read! And check the featured items on the little red cart for special seasonal offerings. As always pay for your selections at the kiosk using a credit/debit card.

Books...Got too many?

If your current inventory of books is more than your allotted space, donate them to the Friends of Richard Byrd Library...we'll make them available for rehoming at bargain prices. A win, win, win across the community! Clear space in your home, the Friends raise funds to support the library and your neighbors get new titles to enjoy! What could be better?! (Donate books, CDs, DVDs, LPs.)

Follow us on Social Media outlets

Friends on Facebook at "FriendsofRichardByrdLibrary"

Your engagement helps us reach an even broader audience!

Woman's Club of Springfield

Spring has bloomed with our many projects.

We visited the General Federation of Woman's Clubs headquarters in the District and were impressed and amazed at the scope and the history of the organization. It was founded in 1890 during the progressive movement for women's rights, and now numbers over 2,300 clubs committed to making a difference through volunteer work.



We celebrated our annual confederation luncheon and installed a new board. Our craft

committee created and delivered Easter decorations to the Ronald McDonald House. A bequest from a former member funded a field trip to the Museum of Natural History for Lynbrook students. The Outreach committee delivered donations of diapers and car seats to Fairfax Hospital.

On May 10 we hosted our annual Spring Faire at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. All of the proceeds from vendor registration went to Bethany House. There were 30 vendors, and we always enjoy the camaraderie and the bargains.

SATURDAY JUN 2025 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Westhaven COMMUNITY-WIDE

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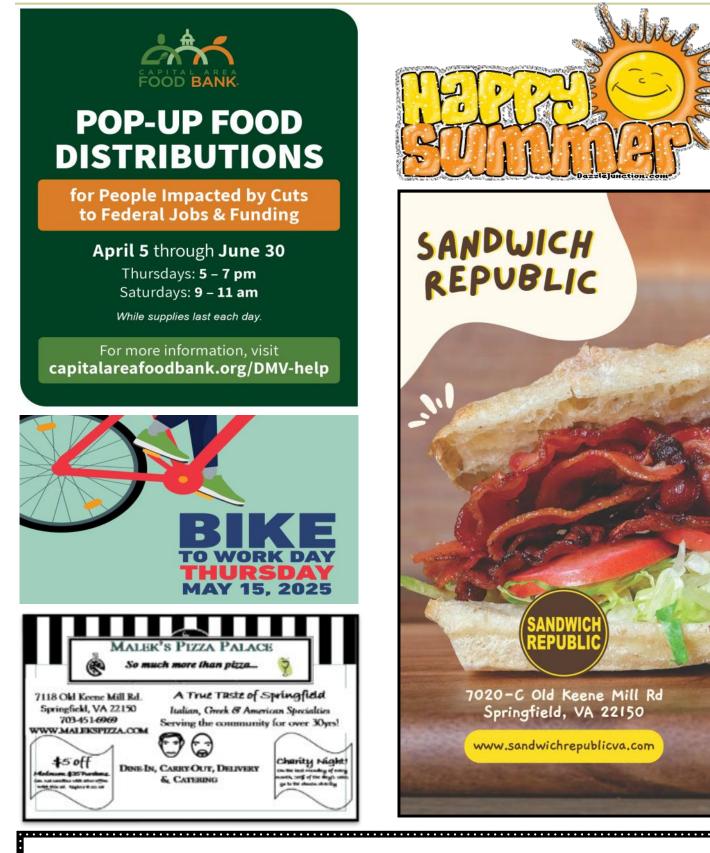
Location: Old Keene Mill Road and Westmore Drive (entrance at the 7-11 store on Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield)

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Westhaven community-wide yard/garage sale

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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 2024-2025 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 <u>www.springfieldcivic.org</u>, 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, May 20, 2025





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Stop by our Springfield location for a free 3D foot scan, video gait analysis, and shoe fitting. We'll help fit you in a shoe that's right for you!

SHOP WITH US THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

7289 Commerce St, Springfield, VA 22150





Early voting for the June 17, 2025, Primary Election began May 2 and runs thru Saturday, June 14 at these 3 locations:

Fairfax County Government Center Conference Rooms 2/3 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax Weekday hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Governmental Center 2511 Parkers Lane. Alexandria Weekday hours: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

North County Governmental Center 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston Weekday hours: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Beginning Saturday, June 7, an additional 13 early voting locations will open across the County, including at the Franconia Governmental Center (6121 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 2231}.

You can find all the locations, operating hours, and detailed information on Saturday voting on the Office of Elections' website. Find a list of qualified candidates here.

Register to vote or change address/ name by Tuesday, May 27, or apply for an absentee ballot by Friday, June 6.





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