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President's Message—Bruce Waggoner

Greetings to All:

September is a time of 'beginnings': school, cool weather, and the 2018-19 SCA Season, to name a few. We start out strong with a report from our Lee District Supervisor, Jeff McKay, who will join us on Tuesday, 18 September at Crestwood Elementary School. Supervisor McKay will give us an update on matters of local interest and field your questions and concerns. We also plan to make a donation to Crestwood's STEM program in the name of our friend and past Crestwood Principal, Tim Kasik.

The social time starts at 7pm; business begins promptly at 7:30pm.

Come join in on the Springfield community scene. Meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and learn first hand what is going on in our midst, e.g., TSA Headquarters construction, The St. James Club, the new Hampton Hotel, etc. You will be made welcome.

Sincerely,

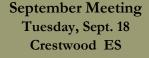
Bruce Waggoner SCA President

Time to Pay Your Dues

The SCA would like to remind its members that dues for the 2017-2018 program year are due NOW. The funds raised from dues go directly to help support the SCA and its programs.

If you've already renewed your SCA membership, thank you! The SCA would not be the strong and vibrant entity that it is without members like you.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, it's not too late. You can pay your dues either by cash or check at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 18th, or you can pay your dues anytime via our website, springfieldcivic.org. Dues are \$15 per household.



Social time—7:00pm Meeting—7:30pm

Program:
An Evening with
Supervisor McKay



Jeff McKay's Update

The new school year has arrived! I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating summer, preparing you for a new fall schedule and back to school in your neighborhood.

With the return of school comes the return of heavier pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle traffic, which includes buses, parents who drive their children, and very importantly, the children who are bicycling and walking to school. All of these add to an already busy rush hour in the mornings, and create more traffic in the middle of the afternoons.



Pedestrian safety is always a top priority of mine, and we're doing a lot to improve it here in Lee District. Just recently, we welcomed the County's first HAWK (High-intensity Activated crossWalk) signal to improve safety in Springfield, as well as new crosswalks and refuges near Hayfield Elementary and Secondary School. The Richmond Highway Corridor has seen a number of similar pedestrian improvements made, and many more are coming.

I have also been a vocal proponent of installing cameras on the "STOP" arms of a handful of buses. I walk my two children to the bus stop every morning, and I cannot tell you how many times I see cars passing their stopped bus, endangering everyone in the area. The School Board is making headway on this request, and is working with the state to receive necessary approvals. This makes a lot of sense, and the companies that install these devices do so at no cost to the County.

The Fairfax County Police Department always does a lot to prepare for the new school year, as well. Here is a list of the things to be aware of for everyone's safety, and to avoid receiving citations:

Stopped school buses - Remember to stop in both directions, unless separated by a median, for any school bus that has its lights and "STOP" arm activated.

Pay attention to the school crossing guards, always doing as they ask.

Speeding in school zones - be alert and aware in school zones or wherever school buses are, and be mindful of the speed limits.

Ensure everyone in your vehicle is correctly wearing a seatbelt or in a car seat.

It's up to us to be familiar with the laws in our communities to keep everyone safe.

Have a great school year!





Chamber of Commerce



Chamber to Recognize Area Citizens and Businesses

Public urged to submit nominations

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be held Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018 at Embassy Suites Springfield. The black-tie-requested evening, open to the public, begins with a cocktail and networking reception at 6:15 p.m.

The highlight of the evening is to recognize area businesses and citizens with the presentation of the Chamber's annual business and citizenship awards.

Nominations are being accepted until Nov. 9 for the following awards:

Arthur E. Morrissette "Top Hat" Service – given to a company exhibiting superior service to its customers and for its contributions to the Greater Springfield community.

Corporate Citizen – given to a company demonstrating strong involvement to better the quality of life in the Greater Springfield area.

Robert J. McDonough Businessperson of the Year – given to a business man or woman who excels in the promotion of his or her product or service.

Herb Hunter Citizen of the Year – given to an individual who has significantly contributed to improving the quality of life over a sustained number of years for the betterment of the Greater Springfield community.

Public Service – given to a Fairfax County Public School teacher or government employee who has performed beyond the call of duty for the benefit of the Greater Springfield community.

Nominations from the public are invited and encouraged. Visit the About Us section on the Chamber website, springfieldchamber.org, for the online award nomination form.





Springfield Acres Garden Club

Come and join the Springfield Acres Garden Club at our meeting on Tuesday, September 25th at Grace Presbyterian Church at <u>10 am</u> and learn about the C & O Canal! Jim Heins' program will focus on the history and anatomy of the canal and where it is today. Also included are some pictures of the most common plants and trees along the canal.

Jim knows the C & O Canal very well; he began volunteering at the C & O Canal park in the mid-1990s. He was one of the original bike patrol members in Great Falls and served as a boat crew member. Each year, Jim contributes hundreds of hours of hard labor along the canal to remove and replace waysides and bulletin boards, install park benches, and battle the never-ending sea of invasive garlic mustard.



Springfield Acres Garden Club is a local non-profit organization serving the Springfield community since 1955. Our members promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility throughout our community.

We meet once a month (September through May) at Grace Presbyterian Church located at 7434 Bath Street, Springfield, Virginia. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, learn more about gardening at all stages of life, participate in workshops, and take tours. We have an outreach to school children as well as an outreach to those in a nursing home. We can even help you have your own green thumb! Questions? Contact Gail Nittle at gnittle@gmail.com



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Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.

The Woman's Club of Springfield will kick-off it's new Club Year on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at Grace Presbyterian Church, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We begin with light refreshments, which will be followed by a speaker from Alice's Kids (www.aliceskids.org). We welcome guests at nearly all of our meetings, and encourage you to come and see what we are all about.



Some of the projects we will be working on this club year include our Layette Project (layettes prepared and delivered to Fairfax Hospital and Alexandria Hospital), along with other requested items, such as Pack-n-Plays and Car Seats.

We will also be participating in Friends of the Richard Byrd Library's Educator's Night on Tuesday, September 25th, including assistance before, during and after the evening and a financial contribution to offset the cost of the books had they been able to sell them.



We are also going to be assisting Garfield Elementary School with several Back-to-School needs.



For fun, coming up we have a "Game Day" scheduled at a member's home, and an Arts workshop making fascinators. We also have a monthly outing to Brunch and a Movie, and we have a once- a-month bridge group.



Please think about visiting with us. We would love new members. We have many worthwhile projects throughout the year, funded in large part by our Pink Elephant Thrift Shop, located in the Concord Center in Springfield (near Aldi), which is owned, managed and manned by our members. We also manage to have a lot of fun, in between our good works!

If you have questions about membership, our projects, the Pink Elephant Thrift Shop, or any aspect of the Club, please contact Beverly Stoltz, Membership Chairman, at 703/941-4501. Please visit us at www.womansclubofspringfield.org. Also, to learn about the General Federation of Women's Clubs, our parent organization, please visit www.gfwc.org.



Richard Byrd Library

Another busy summer has come to an end. In addition to a full schedule of programs for all ages, we had 1,044 children from birth to rising 12th grade sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Of these, 896 finished their logs and received a coupon book as a prize. More importantly, they continued reading over the summer and maintained that important skill.

September will see the return of some popular programs that took a break over the summer. Our CoderDojo program, a coding program for ages 7-17, will start meeting on the third Saturday of the month beginning with September 15th. GIVE (Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education) will once again be tutoring students K-6th grade at the library on Saturday afternoons as of September 29. The library will again be the site for an FCPS Spanish language family literacy preschool two mornings a week. Qi Jong exercise for adults will also start up again this fall.

Legos in the Library, a new program for ages 5-12 years, will begin on Thursday, September 20 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. This will be a monthly event.

The Friends of the Richard Byrd Library will hold their special Children's Book Sale on Tuesday, September 25, from 6 to 9 pm.

In late October, the Reading Buddies program will once again meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Appointments will be taken by phone for children in grades 1-6 to practice reading with a Reading Buddies volunteer.

Fall for the Book is an independent non-profit literary arts organization that promotes reading by sponsoring a variety of year-round events and activities. The Fall for the Book Festival is held each October. Fairfax County Public Library hosts several author events due to the generosity of our Friends groups. On October 11th, author Joseph Esposito will speak at the library about his book *Dinner in Camelot: the Night America's Notable Scientists, Writers and Scholars Partied at the Kennedy White House.*

For details on the above and a full listing including all our storytimes and programs, please check the Library's events at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Looking for personalized book recommendations? Check out My Perfect Read, a new service offered by the Fairfax County Public Library:

https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/my-perfect-read

Sandy Freund, Branch Manager





Friends of Richard Byrd Library

Children's Flash Book Sale

Abundant bargains, from baby's first books through middle school treasures and parent/teacher resources. Tuesday, September 25, 6:00-9:00 pm.

All proceeds support our library's children's programming. Get your children's school year off to a great start with lots of new titles to explore!

Children's FLASH BOOK Sale



3 hours only—Tuesday, September 25, 6pm—9pm

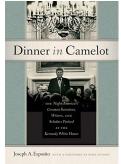
Richard Byrd Library
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- From baby's first book through middle school treasures.
- Resources for teachers, home school, and parents
- All proceeds support our library's Children's programming

Friends of Richard Byrd Library (cont'd)

CoderDojo resumes: After a brief summer break, our CoderDojo program (teaching children to code) resumes at Richard Byrd Library on September 15th, 1 – 3pm (and every third Saturday of each month). We're very excited about our newest enhancement...robots!!! Join us to learn how to program them! Beginning in January, start time may vary due to the library's hosting of VITA Tax Assistance. And we're always looking for additional volunteers, especially high school students interested in coding.



Fall for the Book Event: Meet Joseph Esposito, author of *Dinner in Camelot*. Books available for sale and signing. Cosponsored by Fall for the Book and Friends of the Richard Byrd Library. Thursday, October 11th, 7 – 9pm. *Dinner in Camelot* brings alive in vivid detail the largest and most important dinner of the Kennedy era. On April 29, 1962 forty-nine Nobel Prize winners were joined by other leading American scientists, writers and thinkers. President Kennedy called it "the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever gathered together at the White House, with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone." Not only a fascinating story, this evening had historical repercussions. The dinner also has a message for us today in a severely polarized political climate.

Reading Buddies: Does your child need to practice/improve their reading skills? Join the Reading Buddies at the Richard Byrd Library. First through sixth graders read for 30 minutes with an adult volunteer. Reading Buddies sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm during the school year. Sessions begin in October; sign up at the Information Desk.

Volunteer: Looking for a volunteer opportunity?...come join the Friends of Richard Byrd Library! Contact us at: rbfriends@gmail.com.

Be sure to follow the Friends of Richard Byrd Library on various Social Media platforms:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofRichardByrdLibrary/

BowTieTheLibraryPenguin Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/bowtiethelibrarypenguin

ByrdLibraryFriends Twitter: https://twitter.com/byrdlibfriends

Friends of Richard Byrd Library: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBY_H-fNws0bynyHILOJ0fw





ECHO News

This month, ECHO's Food Chairmen note that, as usual at the end of summer, the food inventory is going down. ECHO needs spaghetti sauce, sugar, flour, vegetable oil and instant potatoes as well as detergent, razors, toilet paper, deodorant and shaving cream. Autumn brings Back to School time and a need for school supplies as well as clothing for growing children. ECHO especially needs sneakers for older kids, sizes 3 - 6, and jeans for girls, sizes 6 - 16. Used clothing and shoes that are in good condition are gratefully accepted, but we need new socks and underwear to distribute to those in need of clothing. Donations are welcomed at our Donation Door, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, on weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00.

If you are a "treasure hunter" and relish special finds at yard and garage sales, put October 27 on your calendar now. ECHO's big Fall Yard Sale will be held that day from 8:00 am until noon at St. Bernadette Catholic School's Gym, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road. Toys, dishes, collectibles, small electronics, home decorations and fashion accessories will fill the gym. Proceeds go to support ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others.)

ECHO's 2018-2019 Teen Volunteer Program is under way. Students between the ages of 13 and 18 may use this program to earn service hours for schools or organizations by working at ECHO once, or many times. Find out more at www.echo-inc.org/volunteer/how-to-volunteer. Adult volunteers are needed especially on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00, to help receive and sort donations. If you can spare two hours on one or two evenings a month to help out at ECHO, please email volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org. We also have need of volunteers for various tasks throughout the building during both mornings and evenings. Check out "Adult Volunteer Positions Needed Right Now" on our website, www.echo-inc.org, for details.

Food Drives

September - Burke Presbyterian, Rolling Valley LDS, St. Andrews Episcopal October - First Baptist Springfield, St. Mark's Lutheran, Sydenstricker Methodist

Upcoming Dates to Note

September 15 - Saturday opening

October 8 - Closed for Columbus Day

October 13 - Saturday opening

October 27 - ECHO Fall Yard Sale, St. Bernadette Gym, 8:00 am to noon







Lake Accotink Activities

Kayak the Marsh at Lake Accotink

09/15/2018 7:30 am (13-Adult) Paddle Lake Accotink's tranquil waters with a naturalist guide from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for an early morning view of wildlife. Glide past bald eagle nests. No previous experience required. A single-seat kayak and life preserver are provided. The cost is \$31 per person. Boaters younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program.

Geology at Lake Accotink

09/21/2018 5:00 pm (6-12 yrs.) Explore the world of geology as we experiment, test rocks and their hardness and more in this handson class. This program at Lake Accotink Park runs from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$7 per child.

Kayak the Marsh at Lake Accotink

09/22/2018 7:30 am (13-Adult) Paddle Lake Accotink's tranquil waters with a naturalist guide from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for an early morning view of wildlife. Glide past bald eagle nests. No previous experience required. A single-seat kayak and life preserver are provided. The cost is \$31 per person. Boaters younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program.

Reptile Survey

09/23/2018 9:00 am (7-Adult) Assist a naturalist with a reptile survey at Lake Accotink Park from 9 to 10 a.m. Learn the habits and habitats of the aggressive but misunderstood water snakes as we search for them and document their size, gender and location. The cost is \$6 per person. Wear shoes that can get wet. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Geology at Lake Accotink

09/28/2018 5:00 pm (6-12 yrs.) Explore the world of geology as we experiment, test rocks and their hardness and more in this hands-on class. This program at Lake Accotink Park runs from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$7 per child.

Kayak the Marsh at Lake Accotink

09/29/2018 7:30 am (13-Adult) Paddle Lake Accotink's tranquil waters with a naturalist guide from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for an early morning view of wildlife. Glide past bald eagle nests. No previous experience required. A single-seat kayak and life preserver are provided. The cost is \$31 per person. Boaters younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program.



Springfield Art Guild



(SAG) Invites You to Our Guest Speaker Series

Meetings are free and open to the public.



SAG kicks off its 2018-19 season in September with contemporary artist **JOYCE MCCARTEN**. Joyce creates large layered abstract paintings, using a personal language of form, gesture and color in oil paint to allow the unpredictable to emerge. To learn more about Joyce and her art visit her webpage: https://www.joycemccarten.com/

When: Wednesday, September 12th, 2018.

6:30pm - Doors open with refreshments & socializing with other local artists

7:00pm - Art talk and a Short business meeting

7:30-9:00. Guest speaker presentation

Where: The auditorium at Grace Presbyterian Church, <u>7434 Bath St</u>, <u>Springfield</u>, <u>VA</u> <u>22150</u>. Park in the lower lot of Church and come up the stairs on your left. If you have problems with stairs you can park on Bath St. and enter the doors under the steeple.

Who: All are welcome.

What: Upcoming Guest Speakers:

September: Joyce McCarten – contemporary art October: Leslie Nolan - acrylic contemporary figures

November: Amy Shawley, Golden demo

SAG is a non-profit group that serves the community's interest in fine arts, fine crafts, and photography. It's a wonderful group of artists ranging hobbyists to professionals. SAG sponsors and supports educational programs, art exhibits, juried shows, classes for adults and children, art scholarships, and local art events. Along with showcasing artists/guest speakers & events at monthly meetings, SAG invites everyone in our community to enjoy SAG's website, our online newsletter, members' gallery, and links to members' Web pages. By joining SAG, local artists can participate in the full range of SAG activities, shows, network with other artists, and help promote and enlarge our service to SAG members and the community at large.

Artists in the area are invited to join the <u>Springfield Art Guild</u> (SAG) and participate in their juried show at Green Springs Gardens in Alexandria. This year the show has been moved to October so there is still time to join SAG and enter. Go to http://www.springfieldartguild.org/2018 newsletters/ for more information in SAG's August and September newsletters.

Fairfax County Services

Do you have a neighbor who does not speak English that needs help contacting Fairfax County?

Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning can help:

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Specialists operate in a call-center environment and are ready to help you through an assessment to identify the needs you have and link you to resources for which you are eligible. Whether it's providing basic county information or providing assistance for more emergent needs - such as emergency food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, employment, financial assistance and other essential needs - our specialists are ready to help you find solutions to fit your circumstances.



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Lee District Association of Civic Associations

Lee District Assoc. of Civic Organizations (LDACO) Hosts Sharon Bulova on 12 Sep

School is back in session, Labor Day has come and gone, summer must be over. That means we here at LDACO are ready to get back to work.

Our next meeting will be held **Wed, September 12th**, at the Franconia Gov. Center at **7pm**. *Please note the time change for this meeting.* Chairman Sharon Bulova will be our guest speaker for this month.

There have been a number of significant changes over the last several months that are of vital interest to our Lee District communities.

Short term rental regulations - https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/new-zoning-rules-to-allow-short-term-rentals/

Modernization of the zoning regulations - https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zmod

Renewed focus on out of state tax - https://coveringthecorridor.com/2018/08/mckay-requests-more-resources-to-combat-car-tax-evaders/



Celebration Singers



Celebration Singers

Do you love music, singing, or dancing? Do you enjoy entertaining others in our community? Would you like to bring joy to senior citizens and shut-ins? Do you play a musical instrument? Do you want to make new friends? Do you like working behind the scenes?

If you answered "Yes" to any of those questions, consider joining the Celebration Singers, a volunteer women's show choir in Northern Virginia. This group started in Springfield about 50 years ago as the Wesleyan Singers and has evolved into a show choir.



We're looking for volunteer singers, dancers, etc.---tell us what you do and we can likely find a spot for you!

We rehearse in Burke on **Wednesdays**, **10:30 – 2:30** starting September **12**, and bring our shows into the Northern Virginia community during the Christmas season and during the spring.

Call 703-644-4485, Gayle Parsons, for more information or send an email to gparsons3@cox.net





Trails for Youth

Weekly Fun at Brookfield with TrailsforYouth.Org

Have you seen the group of kids biking at Brookfield Park recently? TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) has been providing bikes and support for several weeks this past summer to showcase the fun and fitness of riding the bicycle pump track. And this September - October, we will continue providing instruction, support and equipment for kids to experience the ups, downs and berms of the pump track. As one Crestwood child said, "I love this place, it's so much fun, and OH MY GOSH, my legs are tired!"

TYO has been meeting at the pump track weekly since early August (weather permitting). We have witnessed the positive events stemming from our presence, such as meeting new local families that now ride with us regularly, help to maintain the field and pump track with trimming and mowing, keeping kids active and engaging them to get outdoors, picking up trash left by others and the kids have improved their overall fitness and biking skills.

The bicycle pump track has been a positive addition to Brookfield Park and provides hours of fitness and fun. TYO plans on working with the park to provide signage and make minor additions or changes to keep the track interesting and engaging to all. If you haven't had the chance to try it, come out and see us, we will be there weekly through October. If you would like to volunteer please email Julie@trailsforyouth.org, we can always use adult volunteers to help keep the kids rolling.









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American Association of University Women

New Memorial in Lorton, VA

On November 14, 1917, seventy-two women were arrested for picketing the White House in a protest for women's suffrage. The women who refused to admit guilt or pay fines were imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton. They went on a hunger strike over their treatment at the prison. Prison officials then force fed the women.

A memorial has been designed to recognize the approximately five million women who were involved in the suffragist movement. Funds are now being raised to meet the \$2,000,000 cost of the memorial. The goal is to have it constructed by August of 2020, which will be the 100^{th} anniversary of the passage of the 19^{th} Amendment to the Constitution.

Patricia D. Wirth, Executive Director/CEO of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association will be making a presentation about the memorial. The event is free and all are invited to attend. This meeting is sponsored by the Springfield-Annandale Branch of the American Association of University Women.

September 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Kings Park Library, large meeting room

9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA



Patricia D. Wirth, Executive Director/ CEO Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association

National Night Out 2018







National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



Tickets available at the Post or online at our Facebook page.



PO Box 842 Springfield, VA 22150

> September Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18

Crestwood Elementary Social time: 7:00 Meeting: 7:30

> Program: An Evening with Supervisor McKay

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