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Springfield Civic Association

Where we all come together

President's Message—Bruce Waggoner

Friends and Neighbors,
Warm weather greetings from the Springfield Civic Association (SCA) Board as we enter into the last meeting of the 2017-18 season.

Lots of good things have occurred or are taking shape within our SCA boundaries. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is paving all the streets in our community. It's been many, many years since we have had a comprehensive repaving and was it ever needed! The Essex Avenue traffic calming initiative the SCA achieved will come to fruition later this summer when the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will put down two traffic tables on Essex Avenue between Hanover and Amherst. Public safety, especially for our neighborhood children, will be enhanced. At Brookfield Park, a bicycle pump track was officially opened on April 28th by Supervisor McKay and Trails for Youth, a neighborhood organization which led the effort from inception to completion. The SCA played its part by helping to finance the track and lending a hand in pushing through some bureaucratic hurdles. Best of all, we are proud to be a partner of Trails for Youth which has done so much over so many years to make Springfield a special place to live and play.

As many of you may know, the future of Lake Accotink is very much in play. Saving the Lake will take considerable commitment from Fairfax County taxpayers. Supervisors McKay and Cook, teaming with local neighborhood and civic organizations, are educating the public through meetings and social media. It's a Fairfax County gem and an important feature of Springfield living.

On the commercial front, local businesses including McDonalds, Burger King, Backlick Road Shell, etc. continue to refresh themselves, all good signs of private equity investment in our area. The German grocer LIDL's plans to build on the former Safford Dodge site continue; when we hear any details on its progress, we promise to spread the word. The same goes for the new Hampton Hotel planned for Springfield.

At the May 15 meeting, the SCA will elect next season's Board, get updates on Springfield Days and Lake Accotink, and host lawyer Lynne Clark, J.D., one of our longtime sponsors. Lynne will educate the membership on estate planning which is her professional specialty. We look forward to making her welcome.

Happy Mother's Day,
Bruce Waggoner
SCA President

May Meeting
Tuesday, May 15
Crestwood ES

Social time—7:00pm
Meeting—7:30pm

Program:
Estate Planning
Presented by
Lynne N. Clark, J.D.



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Jeff McKay's Update

After months of hard work, Fairfax County has adopted its FY19 budget!

On May 1, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted 8-2 in favor of the FY19 Budget, which sets the real estate tax rate at \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value and increases funding for schools for the seventh consecutive year.

As our Board's Chairman of the Budget Committee, I was glad to present a budget that invests in our strong schools, safe streets, vital human service needs, and other programming.

The budget provides \$2.26 billion to FCPS and provides more than 52 percent of County General Fund revenues to the School System.

It also funds the third year of Diversion First, a collaborative effort that sends low risk offenders experiencing a mental health crisis to treatment instead of jail. Dollars are also directed to a gang prevention initiative and Opioid Task Force, as well as staffing for the future South County police station and animal shelter. This new station is critical to our area and will shorten response times for officers.

While the newly-adopted budget increases the tax rate by two pennies, it also reduced the real estate tax initially proposed by the county executive by one-half cent. This was done following three days of public hearings and months of community discussion.

Despite all of the good items funded in this budget, it was no doubt another tough budget cycle. We saw increasing needs, a disproportionate spike in real estate values in our lowest income neighborhoods, and largely unmet needs in federal and state support. This is not sustainable. We must now immediately turn our focus to FY2020 and the structural changes that are necessary to achieve our long-term goals. Such work will be done through a lines of business (LOBs) process, which reviews every function of all of our County agencies, and through work on our strategic plan.

Crestwood PTA

As we wind down the school year and prepare for the next, the Crestwood PTA is thankful for this community's continued support. Through our fundraisers, we have been able to send students on field trips, supplement teacher budgets, and help our afterschool clubs. For example, our creative problem-solving Odyssey of the Mind teams represented us well at the regional tournament in March, and our third and fourth-grade team advanced to the Division I state-level competition just a few weeks ago! Clearly, none of this would be possible without your contributions of time, treasure, and talent.

Whether you were in and out of the classroom, sending in BoxTops for Education, or dining at one of our restaurant nights, we owe our success this year to you! In June, we look forward to ending the school year with an ice cream social and dance party for the students.

And speaking of thanks, PTA Treasurer Jennifer Killmer Gado and PTA Secretary Jenny Sevier will rotate off of our Board. We thank them both for their service. Their contributions have provided a strong foundation for our organization moving forward.

We're also thrilled to welcome Treasurer-elect Rachel Amatuzzi and Secretary-elect Jessica Griscavage to the Crestwood PTA Board. Esther Berg and Jillian Hanright will continue to preside for the 2018-19 school year.

Chamber of Commerce

Springfield Days is Almost Here

The Springfield Days Festival is held annually the weekend after Memorial Day. This year the Festival is June 2 and 3. It's a springtime tradition that brings together residents, local non-profits and area businesses to celebrate our community and enjoy family-friendly activities.

The fun kicks off Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. with the **5K & 1 Mile Fun Run**. This stroller and pet-friendly, active life-style event begins and ends at Metro Run & Walk in Springfield Plaza. The route includes the quiet, tree-lined streets through the Crestwood neighborhood.

American Legion Post 176 will once again host a **Car Show**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Car enthusiasts will find the line-up of vehicles, spanning the years, in the Legion parking lot on Amherst Avenue. Want to show your car, for free? Arrive Saturday as early as 8 a.m. to register.

The **Craft & Fun Fair** is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at Springfield United Methodist Church across the street from Springfield Plaza. Come shop through local crafters and small businesses while your family enjoys games, a free moon bounce, fun activities and more.

Looking for summer reading? Visit the **Used Book Sale** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Richard Byrd Library. Book sale proceeds benefit the Friends of Richard Byrd Library and the group's year-round volunteer efforts in our community.

New this year, Springfield Town Center will host the **Taste of Springfield Festival** noon to 6 p.m. The Taste is a celebration of good food, exhibitors, entertainment and live music. This outdoor, family-friendly event allows you to stroll through various vendor booths at your leisure while sampling some of the delicious offerings of local restaurants and chefs.

The beloved **Cardboard Boat Regatta** will be held Sunday, June 3 at Lake Accotink Park. The Regatta races begin at 11 a.m. Pack a picnic lunch, find a seat on the shoreline and enjoy the fun as crafts float, and don't.

For more information about Springfield Days visit springfielddays.com. You may also get up-to-date info at [fb.com/springfielddays](https://www.facebook.com/springfielddays).



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Springfield Days Craft and Fun Fair

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 10:00AM-3:00PM

Springfield United Methodist Church
7047 Old Keene Mill Road

As part of Springfield Days, there will be more than 45 vendors showcasing their hand sewn items, home decor, clothing, skin care products, homemade jewelry, soy candles, children's items, and more!

FREE Children's activities (Moon bounce, Face painting, Balloon Animals, Cake walk, Games and many giveaways) will be taking place throughout the day. Stop by and visit Homeward Animal Rescue who will be bringing out some of their adoptable pets between 11AM-1PM.

New Gourmet Delight Food Truck will be in attendance providing yummy food options. **The Frufeti bus** will also be serving up snow cones and ice cream all day.

Special performances are being scheduled for the day to include:

Life Champ Martial Arts at 11:30AM

Movement Dance Studios at 1:30PM

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Future of Lake Accotink

A few years ago, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) began a revision of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan. It addresses the future vision of the park and the lake. The Master Plan revision specifically deals with the growing problem of sediment in the lake from increased rainwater runoff caused by urban development in Fairfax County. The rate of sedimentation in Lake Accotink has increased dramatically. Current estimates indicate the lake will disappear by 2025 if nothing is done. FCPA proposed six (6) lake management options for the future of Lake Accotink. Details can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink>.



The issues surrounding the lake management are complex and the options under consideration are wide-ranging in terms of costs and the future character of Lake Accotink. Below is a snapshot of each option.

Do Nothing: The lake fills with silt and disappears in 7 years. Cost is \$13K annually to maintain the dam.

Status Quo: Preserves the lake much as it is now and calls for continued dredging as has been done in the past. Dredging will be repeated every fifteen (15) years at a projected cost of \$29M along with annual dam maintenance and repair costs stated in Option A (mentioned in the website above).

Annual Dredging with Forebay: Preserves the lake much as it is and calls for building a forebay to slow the flow of storm water and capture sediment before it reaches Lake Accotink. The forebay will be dredged annually or biannually after construction. Cost estimate for this option is \$45M for dredging and forebay construction with annual or biennial forebay dredging at a cost of \$776K and dam maintenance as described in Option A.

Install Upstream “Beaver Dams” above the lake to catch sediment: This option has been removed from consideration due to its high impact and limited benefit.

Single Channel with Reclaimed Land: Calls for elimination of the Lake Accotink, removal of the dam and restoration of Accotink Creek. Will result in a stream and forest where current lake exists. Cost is \$11M to eliminate dam and \$26K annually to maintain vegetation.

Single Channel with Smaller Lake: Calls for partial removal of the dam, creating a single channel for the stream, and a smaller (~20-acre) lake on the Ravensworth side of the park. The sedimentation rate of the smaller lake would be diminished, but future dredging of unknown intervals would be required. Cost is \$13M and annual maintenance of \$26K.

The Springfield Civic Association (SCA) has not endorsed any specific option currently on the table. However, the SCA Board of Directors strongly encourages its members and homeowners in the Crestwood Neighborhood to carefully review all the options under consideration in the FCPA Lake Accotink Master Plan Revision to understand the benefits and implications of each.

Further, the Board encourages everyone to participate in a quick online survey to communicate their preference for the future of the lake. The deadline for public comment was extended to May 28, 2018. The link to the public survey can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink>.

Lake Accotink Park is a countywide resource. It provides unique recreational opportunities and allows residents a chance to connect with nature. All of us can help shape the future vision for this well-loved park. Please share your thoughts for the future of Lake Accotink with the FCPA, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and other members on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Your opinion matters! Now is the time to decide whether Lake Accotink will continue to be a part of our community moving forward. Additional comments and ideas can also be sent separately to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Sponsor Spotlight

Interview conducted by Barbara Coder—SCA Secretary

This edition the Sponsor Spotlight shines on Sandwich Republic located at 7020 Old Keene Mill Road. Sandwich Republic has been in business since 2012. Owner and manager Jay Min took over the business in February 2014. Jay and his team consider themselves to be sandwich experts in Springfield’s competitive sandwich market.

Sandwich Republic has gained a reputation as Springfield’s best sandwich shop for its unique menu, daily specials and friendly service. Featuring 100 percent natural ingredients, Sandwich Republic proudly offers vegetarian options, gluten free wraps, soup of the day, and fresh salads in addition to speciality sandwiches. Sandwich Republic combines its signature soft Ciabatta bread with premium ingredients to deliver an exquisite sandwich and memorable experience.

In addition to dine-in and take-out service, Sandwich Republic offers a full array of catering services including premium sandwich platters; deluxe packages with sandwiches, salad, chips and cookies; lunch box specials; sweet and treat platters; and fresh seasonal fruit bowls. Jay says the turkey breast & bacon with cheese is the best seller, but encourages customers to check out daily changing specials post on Face Book and on the shop’s website (facebook.com/SRepublicVA ; www.sandwichrepublicVA.com). Sandwich Republic is open 10am-8pm Monday through Friday and 10am-7pm on Saturday.



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Sandwich Republic has been a valued sponsor of the Springfield Civic Association (SCA) since 2014. It also supports local schools by sponsoring select events.

The Springfield Civic Association is thankful for Sandwich Republic’s continued sponsorship. Financial support provided by Sandwich Republic helps the SCA serve the needs of the central Springfield community. As you visit Sandwich Republic and all of our other sponsors, we ask that you thank them for their generous support.

The American Association of University Women

Thursday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

“Heat, Dirt and Scholarships: Women in Classical Archeology”

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Woman's Club of Springfield

The Woman's Club of Springfield, through it's hard work at our Pink Elephant Shop, will proudly present a \$3,000.00 scholarship to a worthy young woman at West Springfield High School this year. The school's counselors will select several finalists for our Scholarship Committee to interview in early May, and a selection will be made at that time. The decision will be based on need, academic achievement, community service and participation in extra-curricular activities. We alternate years between Robert E. Lee High School and West Springfield High School.



We are also happy to report that we gave two continuing scholarships of \$2,000.00 each to Daniela Gil and Beverly Tran. Both young ladies are graduates of Robert E. Lee High School. Daniela is attending Virginia Tech and Beverly is attending George Mason University; both were recipients of our \$3,000.00 scholarship their Senior year and have kept in touch with us, updating us on their activities and academic achievements.

Please visit us at the Pink Elephant Shop, where you will surely find something you can't live without! Your purchases and consignments allow us to support so many good causes.

As always, if you have questions about our Club, please contact our Membership Chairman, Beverly Stoltz, at 703/941-4501. You may also visit us at www.womansclubofspringfield.org.

Report Wire Eyesores

Do you see this in your neighborhood? Well, you shouldn't and neither should children walking to school or potential home buyers.

Report it to Fairfax County CPRD at (703) 324-5902 or CPRD [@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fairfaxcounty.gov) Provide the nearest house address to pole and a description of problem.



Crestwood ES Career Day Recruitment



Attention Parents and Community Members

Our school is hosting a Career Day to broaden our students' understanding of the world of work. We would like to include a diverse range of career options for our students to explore. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in giving presentations on Monday, June 4, 2018 please contact one of Crestwood's School Counselors at 703-923-5400 or SLCRummett1@fcps.edu or KAWebb@fcps.edu. Presentations to address/answer the following questions: education/college experience needed for job, job title, job duties, why did you choose this job, favorite things about job, hours/days of job, what things did you learn in school that have helped you with your job today, cool fact people do not know about your job, etc.

Richard Byrd Library

The theme of our Summer Reading Adventure for 2018 is "Reading Takes you Everywhere." The program begins on June 15th and runs through September 1st. Children may sign up at the library to get a paper reading log or sign up online and record their reading online. Babies through rising 3rd grade read 15 books, rising 4th and 5th graders read 10 books, and rising 6th through 12th graders read 5 books. Children who do not read by themselves yet may have books read to them by a parent, sibling, or caregiver. Readers who complete their logs will receive a book with coupons for discounted or free prizes from local businesses.



Although attendance at events is not required, we have an exciting summer of programs lined up for all ages. On June 9, we will host Carrie DeRiso, author of The Brooding YA Hero (teens). We will have a robotics program on July 7 (ages 8-14). Shannyn Snyder will show participants how to make felted I-phone and I-pad cases on July 20 (age 10 & up). Richard Byrd will also have two Maker Lab programs, Catapults on July 17 and Decorating Journals on August 21 (both ages 6-12). An origami workshop for ages 8-12 will take place on August 13. There will also be other events for school-age children, for all ages, and storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

Richard Byrd Library will hold our own branch Adult Summer Reading program during the same time period. Adults read five books to earn a coupon for an item from the Friends' book sale. They will also be entered in a drawing for prizes at the end of the summer. Each reader can turn in up to five logs, receiving five coupons and five chances in the drawing.

Beginning on June 7, the library will hold a 5-week series of programs that will combine interactive support and education for caregivers. Each session will meet 2 hours weekly. The series is called "Caring for You, Caring for Me: Support and Education for Caregivers." It is cosponsored with ElderLink, a public/private partnership with Inova Health System and the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging.

Need gardening advice or help identifying a plant? The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association Plant Clinic will once again be meeting at the library on Tuesdays, May 1st through the end of September from 10 am to 1 pm.

For more information and to see our events online, check our website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library. Or stop by your library branch to get a printed calendar for the current month.



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ECHO News

Please help STAMP OUT HUNGER on Saturday, May 12 by participating in the 26th annual letter carriers food drive. Non-perishable canned or boxed items, preferably healthy foods in non-breakable packaging, should be placed by your mailbox before normal mail delivery time that day. All food collected by letter carriers based in Central Springfield, West Springfield and Burke will be donated to ECHO. This drive helps ECHO get through the summer when demand usually rises (children do not have access to school lunches), and the number of food drives is lower than in fall and winter.

ECHO was honored to receive the 2018 Volunteer Program Award from Volunteer Fairfax at a recent awards ceremony in Springfield. ECHO received the plaque, but the dedication and talent of hundreds of volunteers are truly responsible for ECHO's success, and the honor is for them. ECHO is also grateful to the organizers of the Empty Bowls Project at Prince of Peace Lutheran which not only provided a wonderful experience for its participants, but yielded a very large financial donation to help ECHO assist those who struggle financially. Thanks, too, to the organizers, volunteers and shoppers who made the Spring Yard Sale a success. Our community is a better place to live because of people who give of themselves to help others.

This month, ECHO's most urgent food needs are for pasta, jelly and condiments, but we are extremely low on personal hygiene items such as shampoo, shaving cream, child-size toothbrushes, and deodorant, which are also necessary for families. Our Housewares Department requests new bed pillows and large pots, while our Clothing Department is hoping for donations of boys' jeans that are clean and in good repair. We are beginning to collect school supplies to prepare for our Backpack Program when summer volunteers will assemble backpacks filled with grade-appropriate supplies. See the list at ECHO's website under "Donate/School Supplies." ECHO, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, is open to receive donations Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00.

Coal Fire Restaurant at 9276 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke, is sponsoring a fundraiser for ECHO on Thursday, June 7 for carryout or dine-in. Please watch ECHO's website (www.echo-inc.org) or Facebook page for the flyer which must be presented for Coal Fire to donate 20% of proceeds that day to ECHO. Electronic or paper versions of the flyer are acceptable.

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Friends of Richard Byrd Library

Huge Summer Book Sale. Great Bargains Throughout.

Thursday, May 31, 1:00-9:00 pm.

Sale is 1:00-3:00 for Friends members (join at the door) open to the public 3:00-9:00 pm. All ages.


Friday, June 1, 10:00 am-6:00 pm.

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Sunday, June 3, 12:00-2:00 pm.

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WHERE: Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield

WHEN: Thursday, May 31: 3:00 – 9:00 pm
Friday, June 1: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 2: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, June 3: 12:00 – 2:00 pm **BAG SALE!**

WHAT: Books, most for \$1 and \$2 or less, plus loads of CDs, DVDs, and special birthday, Father's Day, and Graduation offerings for children and adults.

WHY: Funds raised will pay for our children's programs and much, much more!

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

Springfield Art Guild



Mark your Calendar! If you or someone you know is interested in **ART**, enjoy an evening with the Springfield Art Guild (SAG) and their Guest Speaker, Cindy Silas who will discuss working with polymer clay and metals one May 9th.

It is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening getting to know local artists. The Guest Speaker series is **free** and open to the public. Our members are very friendly and love answering questions and chatting with guests.



Where: SAG meets in the auditorium at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Note: Please use the lower parking lot on Church St. Parking Bath St. requires a handicap sticker. From Bath St. you can enter at door #2 (left door) under the steeple and take a right to the auditorium. For all others we recommend you park in the lower lot on Grace St. The auditorium is just up the stairs to the left.

When – next meeting is: Wednesday May 8, 2018

- 6:00pm - Doors open with refreshments and socializing with the artists.
- 7:00pm - Short business meeting
- 7:30-9:00. Guest speaker presentation

SAG meets the 2nd Wed of the month from September through June.

Who: Our calendar of Guest Speakers:

- May 9th :** Cindy Silas - Working with polymer clay and metals
- June 13th:** Frank Spink judge – Enjoy a display the artwork of SAG members

July & August – no meetings
September starts our new year of speakers

SAG participates in a number of art related community service activities. Recently, members did face painting at the Birds & Bats festival at Lake Accotink.

Go to www.springfieldartguild.org to learn more about SAG and its activities. Check out our a great newsletter on our website.




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Trails for Youth

A Fun Day for All at the Brookfield Park Bicycle Pump Track Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Saturday, April 28, under full sunshine and surrounded by the Brookfield Park and Springfield Civic Association community, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director with Fairfax County Park Authority and Julie Childers of TrailsforYouth.Org, cut the ribbon to officially open the bicycle pump track in Brookfield Park. And after Supervisor McKay, Aimee Vosper, and Mid-Atlantic Offroad Enthusiasts (MORE) had long left, the children were still riding the bicycle pump track with big smiles on their faces getting a fun workout.



Riders had patiently waited through the adult speeches about all the recent improvements to the park, such as the bicycle pump track and a new pond and playground and even got excited about the new bike MORE donated to support TrailsforYouth (TYO). But once the ribbon was cut, it was their turn to shine, ride, learn and have lots of fun. For those without bikes, TYO provided loaner bikes and helmets for use. Even a few adults managed to sneak in some laps as and as one Mom said, "Wow, it's really a fun workout. I feel it in my arms and legs!"

At the end of the event, weary children picked up the cones and TYO started packing up equipment. As we were loading the TYO van we saw two of the smaller kids leaving the park. Before they could cross the street, we told them to ride safe and thanked them for coming. One of the boys said, "I don't live near here but he does. We are best friends and we will be back."

As the first neighborhood park pump track approved in Fairfax County, the idea was to have a new neighborhood resource for local families. Saturday's event showed that's exactly what the park has become. We saw younger siblings playing on the playground while the older ones rode the bike track and family members standing in the shade, cheering their children on. Some of the more advanced riders took the trail that leads towards the Cross County Trail and Lake Accotink. All in all, approximately 75 people were in the park enjoying themselves as family, friends and neighbors.



Special Thanks to the Springfield Civic Association, Lee District Supervisor McKay and the Fairfax County Park Authority for not only making the opening day fantastic, but for helping to make this plan a reality. TYO plans to continue this success by scheduling regular neighborhood events and park cleanup efforts to make sure that the park continues to shine and families continue to grow healthier in the great outdoors using the pump track and all the great amenities Brookfield Park has to offer. For more information about TrailsforYouth.Org and the Brookfield Pump Track join us on facebook at www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.Org or email Julie@trailsforyouth.org.

Springfield Commercial Revitalization District Update

The Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) continues to support the growth and improvement of the Springfield Commercial Revitalization District (CRD) through new initiatives and expanded programs.

Branding: Earlier this year, OCR facilitated the development of a new branding campaign for Springfield, coordinating public input and commissioning a new logo and tagline. As a result, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has recently approved \$100,000 in Economic Development Success Funds for construction of new gateway welcome signs, banners and plaques using the new logo and branding throughout the commercial area. Installation of new gateway signs is projected for late 2018 through early 2019. For more information, visit www.fcrevit.org/Springfield

Maintenance: To enhance the appearance and appeal of commercial areas, the county has recently expanded maintenance work in the Springfield CRD to include regular district-wide street sweeping, streetlight monitoring, landscape enhancements and spot repairs of sidewalks and roadway medians. Additional details are provided at www.fcrevit.org



Made in Fairfax Forum: To expand and strengthen economic activity in the county's commercial areas, the county is exploring the potential for community-friendly small scale production businesses that can enhance our commercial centers, offering new choices for consumers, job opportunities for residents and tax revenues for the county. Interested citizens can learn more by attending a kick-off "Made In Fairfax" forum to hear from industry expert Ilana Preuss of Recast City – a national leader in the craft industry movement, and participate in the discussion about the opportunities for this new type of economic development in Fairfax County. The event will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway (conference rooms 9/10) on Monday, June 18th, from 6:30-8:00 pm. More information can be found at www.fcrevit.org

Urban Design Guidelines: Fairfax County is undergoing a process to create or update urban design guidelines (Guidelines) for the County's Commercial Revitalization Districts (CRD) including the Springfield CRD. The Guidelines will complement an area's existing Comprehensive Plan by providing more detailed streetscape information and design guidance for new development projects. The Guidelines will be comprised of two volumes. Volume I, which applies to all CRDs, will contain best practices for the design of street and streetscapes, parks, trees and landscaping, parking, and exterior building features. Volume II will contain design guidance that is specific to each district, including the design of each street in the CRD, open space features, lighting, furnishings, and other details. A draft of Volume I will be released for public comment in June 2018. Volume II for the Springfield district will be created in coordination with the Springfield community in 2019. For more information, visit www.fcrevit.org

Individuals interested in more details on the county's initiatives for the Springfield CRD can contact OCR Revitalization Manager Doug Loescher at 703-324-9305 or douglas.loescher@fairfaxcounty.gov



Fairfax County Park Adventures

If you like animals, you'll go wild for the Fairfax County-Park Authority 2018 Discovery Trail Map! This year's free summer activity highlights the rich diversity of wildlife you'll see in Fairfax County parks.

Now in its fifth year, the map encourages children and adults to explore 12 distinctive parks and learn interesting facts about the wildlife that lives in the parks. Discover which bird's wings beat up to 53 times per second, which park serves as the perfect habitat for the great blue heron and which creature could be called a party animal!

Participants who visit at least eight of the featured sites will receive tickets to more park fun valued at \$93 and be entered in a drawing for one of four bicycles donated by Spokes, Etc. through the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

Discovery Trail Maps will be available by May 11 at any staffed Fairfax County park, RECenter, nature center, historic site or golf course; any Fairfax County public library; any Board of Supervisors office and online at [Fairfax County Park Authority](http://FairfaxCountyParkAuthority.com). Instructions for participating in the activity are included on the map. The promotion runs from Saturday, May 26 through Monday, Sept. 3, 2018.



Thoughts of Summer

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

-John Lubbock



Code Compliance Corner

As warmer weather arrives and the County begins to green and come alive after winter, citizens may begin to notice un-mowed tall grass on residential and commercial properties in their neighborhoods.

Chapter 119 of the State Code regulates grass height, which may not be taller than 12-inches on any property, vacant or occupied. If you notice a property that may be in violation, call Jeff McKay's office at 703-971-6262 or email DCCCodeComplianceEmail@fairfaxcounty.gov to report it.

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Program:
Estate Planning
Presented by
Lynne N. Clark, J.D.

PLEASE JOIN US!



The Springfield Civic Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to:

- Encouraging residents to be active in community affairs
- Promoting civic responsibility through education and advocacy
- Effectively interacting with local government and community organizations
- Enhancing the quality of life in Springfield.

We are the hub that links residents and organizations, enhances communications, and embraces diversity to create a vibrant Springfield community.

Join SCA

Annual dues of \$15 cover all adults in a household. Membership is open to all residents and non-resident property owners in the boundaries. Mail this form with your check to PO Box 842, Springfield, VA 22150 or bring it with you to the membership meeting, or visit www.springfieldcivic.org to join or renew online.

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