

SCA Board Member Short Biographies as Submitted for Publication in August 2007

Tawny Hammond is the President of the Springfield Civic Association (SCA) and has owned a home in the Crestwood section of our community since 2000; however, her involvement in Central Springfield really took root in 1997 when she became the manager at Lake Accotink Park. Her main priorities as President are Neighborhood Watch, improving property maintenance, increasing civic engagement, and communication among neighbors. Her community activism stems from a belief that civic engagement is a right and a privilege as well as a responsibility of all citizens. When she is not working at Lake Accotink Park or on community affairs, she enjoys improving her home, gardening, cooking, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.

Rick Gonzalez, originally from Brooklyn, New York, is of Cuban ancestry. Rick is a proud and active resident of Springfield since 1979. He is an appointed member of the Fairfax County Human Services Council as the Lee District Representative and is an active member of the Central Springfield Area Revitalization Council. He was appointed by former Governor Mark Warner in 2002 to the Virginia Workforce Council, and continues to serve under the current Governor Tim Kaine. He also serves on the Governor's Economic Development Steering Committee. Rick's passions include seeking ways to make life better and equitable for diverse communities, at the local and regional levels, in the areas of economics, entrepreneurship, education, and workforce. He loves music, history, and reading. He is also a cinema aficionado.

Bruce Waggoner, a Michigan native and Secretary for SCA, has lived in the Lynbrook section of Springfield with his wife, Marsha, and their two children since 1994. Bruce believes Springfield should dream large and use its advantages in transportation and recreation. His efforts with the Neighborhood Watch and the SCA are focused on maintaining the American way of life and the high standards of the County. Bruce enjoys riding his bike on the Cross County Trail that runs through Lake Accotink and beyond. He works for the Scitor Corporation as a government contractor.

Al McAloon, Director at Large, has been a Crestwood resident for over thirty years. Al is Navy retiree who morphed into an investments manager with The Burney Company in Falls Church. He has been active in civic affairs for many years and is the founding Chair of CSPARC (Central Springfield Revitalization Council) and is the Lee District Commissioner on the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Loida Gonzalez is a Director at Large of the SCA and has owned a home in the Crestwood section of Springfield since 1996. Loida became involved in the SCA after attending numerous member meetings, and she became a member soon after. The primary reason she became a member is to be a bridge between the growing Latino community in Springfield and long-time Springfield residents. She has been involved in outreach activities such as the Latino Summit that brought issues impacting Hispanics to State officials, voter registration in the Latino/Hispanic community, and creating outreach literature in Spanish for the SCA. Loida was instrumental in the development of the non-profit 501(c)(3) educational arm for the SCA, the Springfield Community Educational Alliance. When she can make time for personal endeavors, she enjoys doing home improvements, creating mosaics, faux wall painting, sewing, and cooking/baking.

James "Pat" Childers joined the Springfield Civic Association with a key focus on two of our most important resources, our children and Parks. Specifically, he wants to safely reintroduce our children to nature using our excellent Park System. Pat is a Senior Advisor at the Environmental Protection Agency with specific background in transportation, air quality, and children's issues. Pat was born and raised in Springfield and now resides in Yates Village, where he assists his wife Julie in operating the children's health organization, Trips for Kids Metro DC, and raising their two sons. He is an avid cyclist.

Su Jewell represents SCA on the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee. She moved to the Crestwood area in 1998 from South Florida to work at the national headquarters of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Arlington, where she is a wildlife biologist. She believes that a healthy environment is the foundation for healthy people and strives to keep our neighborhood healthy. She bikes to work and locally year-round. In her free time, she is a freelance environmental writer. She has published two books, essays in other books, and numerous newspaper and magazine articles. Look for her stories in The Chronicle Newspaper.

Lee Paulson and her husband Ron have lived in Springfield since 1973. Originally from Illinois, they decided to settle in Springfield after Ron retired from over 20 years in the Navy. After having lived in Florida, California, Washington, and Japan, Virginia seemed most like "home." Their two children, David and Lauren, graduated from Lee High School and went on to Virginia colleges. Lee spent several years working for Fairfax County Public Schools and retired in 1999. It was at that time Lee decided to become more active in Springfield Civic Association, and volunteered to produce the newsletter, "Springfield Reporter." Ron and Lee are also active members of the Neighborhood Watch. Lee also belongs to the Washington Metropolitan Accordion Society, a group fondly referred to as "closet accordion players." Lee and Ron feel fortunate to have retired in Fairfax County where so much is available that makes life interesting and rewarding.