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## *President's Message—Gail Nittle*



I think it's safe to say that Fall has officially arrived with Winter nipping closely at its heels! As we feel the temperatures drop and approach the holiday season, we are mindful of the paradox of this time of year... warm homes, good food and blessings to share on the one hand and homelessness and lack of the very things we take for granted on the other. At our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Tom Barnett, Deputy Director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness will help us understand more about the various faces of homelessness and what Fairfax County is doing to prevent and end it. A representative of ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) will be on hand tell us how we can help those in need right here in our community. MPO Eric Nelson is the point person for a shoe drive which is raising money for local soccer players to participate in a soccer tournament in

Orlando, Florida. He will be at our November meeting to take new or gently used shoes or you can drop them off at the Franconia Police Station until 20 November. For more details, see the enclosed article. St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be sending care packages to 15 young airmen, all deployed for the first time, away from home during the holidays for the first time, and who don't get much mail. If you'd like to participate, you may bring any of the following to our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting: snacks such as leftover Halloween candy, chocolate, Doritos, Twix, beef jerky, Easy Mac and things that include protein, like peanuts, trail mix, etc.; magazines about hobbies; and various new toiletries (they have to buy their own). There are so many easy ways to give!

Special thanks go to MPO Allie Eggers for her Home and Personal Safety Presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 2 and to Grace Presbyterian Church for providing the meeting space! Another thank-you goes to Mike Slater for organizing another very successful and fun Halloween Decorating Contest!

Have you noticed the improvement on the block of Old Keene Mill Road that runs from Hanover to Commerce? An enormous thank-you goes to SCA members Diane Boughton and Kurt Doehnert for their Herculean efforts in making it happen! It's still a work in progress, but wow! What an improvement!

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved funds for Lake Accotink! Credit and thanks go to the Save Lake Accotink efforts and to Supervisors Jeff McKay and John Cook! Lake Accotink is one of our neighborhood's special treasures! (continued on pg. 2)

## *Time to Pay Your Dues*

The SCA would like to remind its members that dues for the 2019-2020 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, November 19, or you can pay your dues anytime via our website, springfieldcivic.org. Dues are \$15 per household.

**November Meeting  
Tuesday, Nov. 19  
Crestwood ES**

**Social time—7:00pm  
Meeting—7:30pm**

**Program:  
"The Many Faces of  
Homelessness"**

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## *President's Message (cont'd)*

For the 8<sup>th</sup> year, SCA bakers will be thanking our advertisers and supporters with boxes of scrumptious HOMEMADE holiday cookies and delights in early December! If you are interested in baking, please let me know.

News flash: The project to put Dominion's power lines underground was approved to begin. It will be completed in groupings, with the first grouping (being called "Joffa Place") to include 91 homes and to begin in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020, weather permitting.

Congratulations to Jeff McKay who was just elected to be the next Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and to Rodney Lusk who was elected to be the new Lee District Supervisor! We appreciate the cooperation and assistance Jeff has given the SCA and look forward to working with him and Rodney to continue to make Springfield all it can be!

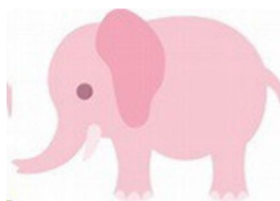
There's lots for which to be thankful; there are lots of ways to share! Come to our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and hear all about it firsthand! If you need a ride or know someone who does, please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

Gail

## *Woman's Club of Springfield*

The Woman's Club of Springfield has been busy since September, donating money to many good causes : Alice's Kids, Garfield Elementary School, Crestwood Elementary School, Lynbrook Elementary School's Head Start Program, Operation Gratitude, Mended Hearts, Friends of the Richard Byrd Library, Honor Flights Organization, Wreaths Across America, and Canine Companions for Life — just to name a few!



These donations are made possible by the money we make in the Pink Elephant Shop. We encourage you to come by and visit us to see what items you can't live without. Also, bring in your gently used clothing and household items to consign. Consignment Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Our hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Saturday.

In addition to our hard work in the Shop every day, we have had some nice outings, including a trip to Harris' Crab House on Kent Island for lunch with a view of the water and boats and a little outlet shopping. We are looking forward to our holiday luncheon at the Mt. Vernon Inn in December, and our holiday party on December 10th.

We have had wonderful speakers this club year — a representative from Mended Hearts, and a representative of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue who explained what happens when we call 911.

We are looking forward to the many activities we have scheduled for 2020, and would welcome any ladies in the community to our meetings. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, September through June, beginning at 6:30. We begin with light refreshments, followed by our program and then a short business meeting. If you are interested in joining us, please contact our Membership Chairman, Lee Ripper, at 703/719-9645 or speak to anyone in the Pink Elephant Shop.

## Jeff McKay's Update

### Lake Accotink Update

Throughout my time as Supervisor, I've long been a strong proponent of protecting our environment and outdoor spaces. That is why I'm pleased to report at a recent Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously in favor of a financing plan for the dredging of Lake Accotink, ultimately saving the lake and protecting the downstream environment.

Over the years, the Lake has continually filled with sediment, and the County is taking action to ensure the Lake can be saved and maintained in perpetuity. These efforts will ensure that the surrounding environment stays intact, and the community can continue to enjoy the lake.

There were several management options studied and presented to the community. Through extensive public input, a formal analysis for lake management options, and both a Natural Resource study and a Lake Management Study conducted by Park Authority- they have recommended a dredging strategy to save the lake, which entails the following:

- Dredging to restore the lake to an average depth of eight feet
- Pumping sediment to an unused portion of Wakefield Park for disposal
- Hauling sediment to a closed quarry using Braddock Rd and I-495 (keeping trucks out of our neighborhoods)
- Funding a maintenance dredging program to maintain lake

The estimated cost of the initial dredging project to restore the lake an average 8-foot depth is \$30.5 million. The Board will pursue a low-interest loan (which we are confident we will receive) from the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Regular dredging on a much smaller scale will continue in future years with annual cost of \$2.013 million to maintain the lake and prevent further issues. This is much less than the \$50 million the county expected last year and as plans are officially engineered and construction strategies are identified, we will continue to keep the community updated.

As Chairman of the Budget Committee, I was pleased that we could reach an agreement on how to finance this much needed improvement to the Lake, and because of that agreement, we can save Lake Accotink. Thank you to everyone involved in this effort. I also want to thank Braddock District Supervisor John Cook. We worked together throughout this process to ensure a good outcome, and together with the community's help, we did it!



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# *The Beauty of Lake Accotink*



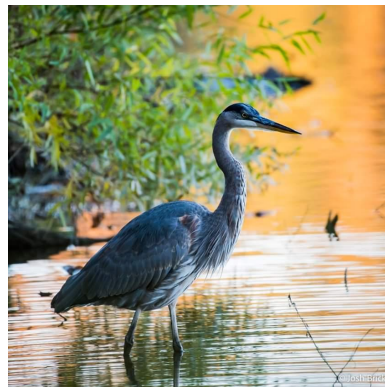
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## *Crestwood Elementary PTA*

Greetings from the Owls PTA! What an amazing fall season we have had around here. With your help we have already accomplished big things, made friends, and have had so much fun!

In August, we celebrated all things new: a new school year welcoming teachers with a homemade lunch, new kindergartners with Popsicles on the Playground, and the newly painted staff lounge and new location of the Owls Book Nest.

In September we hosted a Bike Rodeo in which kids learned the importance of bike and pedestrian safety. Obstacle courses, jumps, and a 'Soup Up Station' engaged students and parents alike. A special thanks to our amazing partners at the Fairfax County Police Department for helping us put on such an important event! At our General Meeting, we had a wonderful presentation of the rewards and benefits of our Title 1 status. Towards the end of the month, our staff was treated to an apple bar, where everything was a yummy apple treat!

October brought us many fantastic events! We started the month off with a bang in our Back-to-Back student-parent events. Walk/Bike to School Day on October 2nd where parents and community members alike stood along our walking school routes and cheered on our students as they safely and healthfully got to school! Each student received a Zipper Bracelet for walking or biking to school and a beautiful outdoor coffee and pastry table was set up outside of the school for the parents. Later that evening, we presented our incredible Social Worker Ms. Taylor who offered insight to the daily resources our Student Services Staff can give our families. Fast forward to Unity Day in which Crestwood stood united against bullying by wearing orange. Each student got an orange swirled lollipop at the end of the day as a \*sweet\* reminder to be kind to everyone. Then Our staff was pleasantly surprised with a special "No Tricks, Just Treats" snack spread for their monthly appreciation.

In November we look forward to the Students Turkey Trot PACER Fundraiser on Wednesday the 13th. If you would like to come cheer on our Owls as they strive to make their running goals, please sign up here: [Turkey Trot Cheer Squad](#) We will be featuring an apple cider table for our athletes and the winning class gets a pizza party! Come show your support!

There are several ways you can continue to show your support and Crestwood Pride:

First and foremost: become a PTA Member! We love when the Community at Large gets involved and by joining us there is no other obligation, just the ability to get information directly from us! [Join Crestwood PTA](#)

Donate! Are you looking to support our Owls Family as a whole or want to give to our Turkey Trot Runners?: [Donate to Crestwood PTA](#)

Shop Amazon Smile and choose Crestwood Elem PTA as your charity. To support Crestwood, always shop at [smile.amazon.com](#). Try these 2 easy ways to start with a smile: [Learn about AmazonSmile](#)

We are so thankful for our wonderful support from our community. We truly couldn't make our Crestwood Families lives as enriched without your enthusiasm.

See you at Crestwood!

~Cassie Planakis

Crestwood Owls PTA President

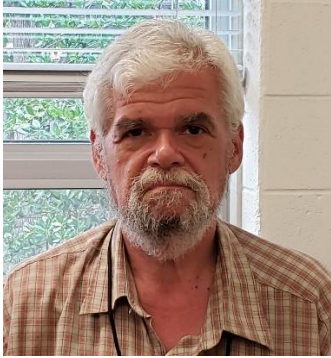


## *Friends of Richard Byrd Library*

### **Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Update**

#### **Friends' Choice Awardees**

On Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we were very excited to recognize Christopher Lane and Diane Welch with Friends' Choice Awards! Chris just began volunteering with the Friends in 2019. He has quickly become a friendly, devoted, daily "fixture". He sorts, packs, restocks the Daily Sale area and researches high value items on a daily basis. He's identified quite a few treasures for sale on Amazon and other auction sites. During our June sale he highlighted and sold several high value collectible items; appreciably increasing our revenue! He helps setup and run the "Coffee and a Classic" movie screenings. He is warm and welcoming as he greets and assists donors. We have come to rely on Chris to fill in when other daily volunteers are unavailable. We are so fortunate that he chose to share his energies with the Friends! Diane came to the Friends in search of books for her church and her granddaughter's classroom. Our mission sparked her interest and we were on the lookout for a new volunteer to focus on the children's area, it was a perfect match! She immediately offered up new ideas to make our workroom more efficient (fresh eyes make all the difference) and our limited storage area more organized. She volunteered for several months and was invited to join our Board of Directors to direct the Daily Sale. Diane is an amazingly tireless volunteer and a wiz at sorting the children's books. She offers bright ideas about the layout of our children's room during special book sales and helps shoppers find their favorites and a bit more. We are so fortunate that she found us just when we needed her!



Christopher Lane

Photos courtesy of the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library



Diane Welch

#### **Teachers are Awesome!**

On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Friends held our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Educators' Night. So many books to choose from!...thanks to support from the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce children's book drive (held in April). We hosted teachers and principals from six local Title 1 schools – Crestwood, Franconia, Garfield, Lynbrook, Saratoga and Springfield Estates. Sixty-nine educators came to Richard Byrd Library to choose 15 free books for their classroom libraries (and 10 bonus nonfiction items). That's over 1,700 books and resources available to young readers around Springfield! We appreciate our teachers because they work so hard and enthusiastically to inspire children to dream big and achieve their goals. The teachers were so excited to choose items their students would enjoy (and an adult book for themselves as well). The Friends are extremely grateful to our sponsors for their enduring support – the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club of Springfield and Process Point Consulting.



Photo courtesy of Friends of R. B. Library

**Branch Manager Change:** The Friends bid a fond farewell to Sandy Freund as Branch Manager at Richard Byrd Library. We'll miss Sandy's enthusiastic support for all the Friends' varied initiatives...CoderDojo, book sales, Tux Day, Legos, Educators' Night, financial literacy, various speakers, etc. We wish her well as she retires to enjoy more time with her family! And we are delighted to welcome Valerie Suttee as the new Branch Manager; we look forward to working with Valerie to continue and expand the offerings at Richard Byrd! (continued on pg. 6)

## *Friends of Richard Byrd Library (cont'd)*

**Next Coffee and a Classic Movie Event:** *Meet Me in St. Louis*, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am (refreshments available).

### **Upcoming Friends of the Richard Byrd Library Used Book Sale**

Thursday, December 5, 3:00-9:00 pm.

Friday, December 6, 10:00 am-6:00 pm.

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Great bargains on winter reading and holiday gifts. All ages.

Sunday, December 8, 12:00-2:00 pm.

Fill up a bag with books for \$5. We supply the bags. All ages.

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBY_H-fNws0bynyHILOJ0fw)

**Volunteer:** Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Come join the Friends of Richard Byrd Library! Teens are welcome to join our Saturday Teen Volunteer Team from 12 – 2pm. Contact us at: [rbfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rbfriends@gmail.com).

## *American Association of University Women*

### **Downsizing and Decluttering**

The Springfield-Annandale branch of the American Association of University Women is proud to present a talk on downsizing and decluttering to be given by Paul Singh. He joined AARP in 2016 and has been doing presentations since then.

Prior to joining AARP, he did Happiness 101 workshops at various senior centers after a career doing stand-up comedy. He has won humorous speech contests at the national level in Toastmasters.

The meeting will be held at Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale at 7:30 on Thursday, November 21.



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A photograph of a dining table setting with a white plate, silverware, and a green napkin.

## ECHO News

ECHO's **Holiday Gift Store** gives client families the opportunity to choose new toys for their young children. We need donations of new toys and games- not gift-wrapped- by early December. See [www. echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org) and click the link to the Holiday Programs page for a list of most-needed items. ECHO's **Holiday Meal Program** brings cheer to struggling people at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Groups or individuals may purchase and deliver either groceries for a festive meal, or food store gift cards to pay for a meal for one or more local families. Send an email to [holidayfoodprograms@echo-inc.org](mailto:holidayfoodprograms@echo-inc.org) to be matched with a family in need of a holiday meal. The Program Coordinator can supply a list of suggested foods, guidelines for the value of gift cards based on family size, plus contact information for the family(ies) you wish to assist.

ECHO needs volunteers for the following positions: Donation Door (Wednesday or Saturday), Housewares (Tuesday), Food Room (Monday), Spanish-speaking Counselor (Friday), Teen Program Supervisors (alternating Wednesday evenings). Send an e-mail to [volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org) for more information. Donations currently needed are: canned meats, vegetable oil, peanut butter, dish detergent, facial tissue, sneakers for older children (sizes 3 -6), men's coats, batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V), 3 ring binders (1-1/2" or 2" only), spiral notebooks. ECHO is open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road on weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00.

### Food Drives

December - Springfield Chamber of Commerce

### Upcoming Dates to Note

- November 2 - Saturday opening
- November 9 - Scouting for Food Collection Day
- November 11 - Closed for Veterans Day
- November 17 - Burke Fairfax CROP Hunger Walk, 2:00 pm, Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- November 18 - Board of Dir Meeting, 7:30, St. Mark's Lutheran
- November 23, 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday Meal distribution
- November 27 - Closed for evening hours only
- November 28-29 - Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 7 - Saturday opening
- December 4, 7, 9,11- Holiday Toy distribution by appointment
- December 14, 15 - Holiday Meal delivery or pickup
- December 23 - 31 ECHO is closed





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## *Trails for Youth*

### Role Models that Roll in the Dirt

There have been a slew of articles recently written about the sport of mountain biking being a male dominated sport. TrailsforYouth.Org has been working for over a decade to end this trend. Through our programs and working with many youth locally in the SCA, the level of young girls competing and then helping others continues to be off the chart successful. In local races in 2007, one young SCA girl, Laura Martinez grabbed a podium spot from one of the boys because there wasn't a girl's category. Once the girl's categories were introduced by TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO), Laura shared the podium with other girls from the SCA neighborhood, like Nicole Roca. They both went on to coach mountain biking to younger TYO riders, helping to foster a love of the sport and inspire more girls to become involved.



As the sport developed, the SCA found itself with 2 high school state champions in Phyllis Weeks and Kat Sejas. Following in the footsteps of the older girls, they continue the tradition of "Playing it Forward" and now coach TYO's elementary and middle school girls from Lynbrook, Crestwood and even homeschooled youth in the SCA area. These younger girls like Denisse Ordonez and Kaia Clark, inspired by their mentors and coaches, are regularly earning their podium spots at a variety of youth mountain bike races.

This progression says a lot about the character of these young ladies, as they not only excelled in their sport but have cared enough to continue coaching and leading the next set of champions. Several of the younger students have already been asking about being a coach. The TYO "Playing it Forward" program is one example of our commitment and dedication in helping to nurture future leaders and mentors while also improving the health and wellness of our local youth. Please consider helping TrailsforYouth.Org continue this and other nature based programs with your end-of-year support. For more information, please visit [www.trailsforyouth.org](http://www.trailsforyouth.org) or email [Julie@trailsforyouth.org](mailto:Julie@trailsforyouth.org).

## Shoe Drive

This group of young soccer players live right here in our Springfield area and is ranked 3rd in the state, 82nd in the nation and are trying to KICK their way into a soccer tournament in Orlando Florida. Only the best teams are invited to this tournament, which is scouted by numerous colleges. The Doradus Futbol Club is seeking new or used shoes to be given to individuals here and in poor countries. As shoes are donated and dropped off, the team will be paid by the pound. The money raised will assist in airfare, housing and food. Bring your new or slightly used shoes to the SCA meeting November 19. MPO Eric Nelson from the Franconia District Police Station will be there to collect the shoes.

# Shoe Drive!

**Drop Off Location:** Franconia District Station  
6121 Franconia Road

**Duration of Drive:** 10/23/19 - 11/20/19

Help the Boys Doradus Futbol Club get to their Disney Tournament while also helping those who desperately need shoes! Alongside Funds2Org, the team has organized a shoe drive that will reach around the world!



## Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)



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# Help Lake Accotink VOLUNTEER



**ALL AGES**

**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of every Month  
**TIME:** 9:00am -11:00ish  
**WHERE:** Several Meeting Locations

- \*Lake Accotink Trail entrance *Ellet and Inverchapel Road*
- \*Lake Accotink Marina
- \*Lake Accotink Trail entrance *at the end of Danbury Forest/Lonsdale Dr.*
- \*Lake Accotink Trail entrance *Queensbury and Hatteras*

**Register:** [https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization\\_details/71653](https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653)  
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## Richard Byrd Library

It's an exciting time at Richard Byrd Library! Fairfax County Public Library is launching a new system-wide library catalog in November. The library catalog is the hub of everything in the library, tracking more than 400,000 cardholders and 2.3 million items. The new catalog has several new features including integrating both physical items and electronic items so you can search for books, eBooks and eAudiobooks all in the same place. You will also be able to see all your checked-out items in one customer account screen. User access and communication will improve, too. You can sign up to receive text message in addition to emails or phone calls, and you will be able to choose a user ID rather than logging in with your library card number. It's a significant upgrade and we think you will really like it!

We are looking forward to the Friends of Richard Byrd Library annual book sale. The sale kicks off Thursday, Dec 5 with a Friends preview from 1-3 pm and then open to the public 3-9 pm. Shop all weekend with open hours: Friday, Dec 6 10-6pm and Saturday, Dec 7 10-5pm. Sunday 12-2pm come fill a bag for \$5; bag provided. Don't miss this opportunity to shop a great selection of gently used books! The proceeds directly support programs and initiatives at the Richard Byrd Library.

Due to our new catalog launch we will offer fewer programs in November but one to look for is the Paint Your Own Ornament for Families on Saturday, Nov 23 at 10:30am. Paint your own personalized holiday ornaments with Clay Cafe Studios! Glazed ornaments will be fired and returned to the branch for pickup. For families - ages 6+ with an adult present. We will only have enough ornaments for those registered, each family member who wishes to paint must be registered.

In December, join us Friday, December 13 at 10:30am for Coffee and a Classic, as we watch the classic Judy Garland movie about a Missouri city. Our Friends will provide coffee, eggnog and Christmas cookies!

Teens in grades 7-12, come to the library armed with a question, stump the librarians and get a prize! Friday, Nov 15; Friday, Dec 13 and Friday, January 10. 4pm at the Information Desk.

Families can countdown the new year at our Noon Year's Eve program, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for music and movement as we sing, be-bop and countdown to noon for the new year! 3-8 years with adult. Registration required.

One-on-One Tech Assistance offered by appointment! Adults requiring assistance with eBooks, mobile devices and basic computer skills can call to set up help session. Bring your charged device, account IDs and passwords. Adults.

Stop by and add a piece or two to our community puzzle! Changes monthly!

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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or call Richard Byrd Library at 703-451-8055.



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## *New Donation Center Opens In West Springfield*

A donation center with an on-site attendant opened at the Saratoga Shopping Center in West Springfield on Monday, Oct. 14. The GreenDrop donation center replaces clothing drop-off bins.

GreenDrop's donation center turns donated items into funds for charities. Residents can pull up to the GreenDrop Unit with gently used items. An attendant will collect the items, let the donor choose a charity to support and provide a tax-deductible receipt.

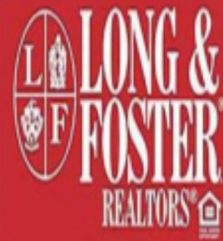
GreenDrop accepts donations such as lightly worn clothing, used electronics and household goods. Donated items are recycled, reused, and repurposed.

"We are excited to continue servicing the Springfield area and expanding donation options for residents," said GreenDrop CEO Tony Peressini in a statement. "At GreenDrop, we're committed to promoting the importance of recycling and repurposing, while providing the necessary resources for communities to get involved."

GreenDrop's charity partners are The American Red Cross, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and National Federation of the Blind. Locations throughout the Mid-Atlantic have raised over \$3 million dollars for partner charities through over 100 tons of donated clothing and lightly used household products.

GreenDrop has dozens of locations in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. For locations and accepted items, visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)

(article originally published in The Patch)



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## 2019 Halloween House Decorating Contest

Happy Haunting Campers!

This year was our second year with the Halloween House Decorating Contest and we had a lot of fun. First, I would like to thank all of the contestants, who put in a lot of great work, and the judges who volunteered their time to assist me in judging.

Overall, we had 13 houses entered into our contest this year. Contestants were able to enter into four different categories: Best Pumpkin, Best Doorway/Entryway, Most Creative, and Scariest. All contestants were eligible for Judges Favorite. Without further ado, here are this year's winners.

**Best Doorway/ Entryway -Fox Hill St.**



**Most Creative/Judges Favorite-Atteentee Rd.**



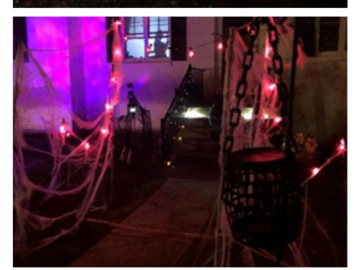
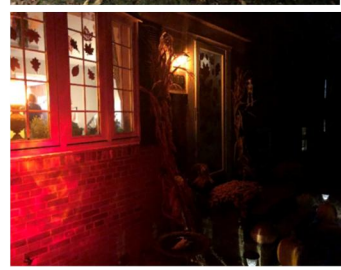
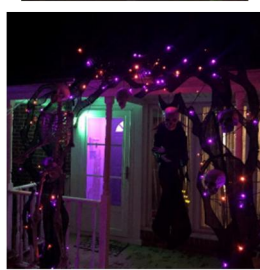
**Scariest-Craig St.**



**Best Pumpkin—Brunswick St.**



Neighbors, if you see the winners, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done. With that, we had many other great houses who also competed, the judging was stiff across the board. I would like to thank everyone again for their time and hard work. We look forward to doing this again next year. Here are some photos from our other contestants. Happy Hauntings Everyone!





## Artists & Art Lovers

### **The Springfield Art Guild (SAG) Invites You to our 2019-2020 Guest Speaker Series**

**Meetings are free and open to the public.**

The Springfield Art Guild is kicking off another year of great speakers and activities.



#### **November Guest Speaker: Jean Sausele-Knodt**

Direction for my mixed media wall-mounted assemblages grew with a goal to keep paint, gesture and color relationships continually fresh while exhausting possibilities. The resulting working process is quite animated as I move about various parts and pieces to reveal countless relationships. The action can,

however, also build itself into a frenzied fragmentation that then needs to be dealt with and restructured. In this way, perhaps cathartically, the work has become an arena for me to come to terms with what whirls about in my day-to-day life. A time to both celebrate and confront unfolding visual, societal and cultural realities - - those which float about gently and in beauty, or disturb and clash-combine. **Photo top left—“Red Ribbon,” oil, graphite and embroidery on board, 16” x 16”**

With elements that I first cut with saws, paint, cast in concrete or stitch with thread, I aim to orchestrate a newly personalized sense of whole with each new assemblage. Some works dance about, others hug together in clusters, yet all embody a new time and place - - one I am driven to make manifest.

Jean studied Fine Arts at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, and earned her Masters of Fine Arts Degree in painting from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. While pursuing her graduate degree, Jean attended the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine. During her time at these schools Jean studied with many artists, including Neil Welliver, Janet Fish, Yvonne Jacquette, Rudy Burkhardt, Alex Katz, Francesco Clemente and Judy Pfaff. Jean’s work is held in private and corporate collections and shown in various exhibitions in the Washington, DC area, New York and Connecticut. **Photo below— “Merging Landscapes,” oil on board, 45” x 56” x 8.5”**

When: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019.

6:30pm - Doors open with refreshments & socializing with 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, 7434 Bath St, Springfield, VA 22150. Park in the lower lot on 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 (Free event) You don’t have to be an artist to enjoy the evening.

## Message from Metro Run and Walk

### Metro Run & Walk by Potomac River Running – A Personalized Shoe Fitting Experience

Getting a comfortable pair of shoes can be hard! Many people suffer from foot pain on a daily basis and a lot of times this stems from ill-fitting shoes. Luckily, there is a place in the Springfield community where you can get one-on-one personalized service to find a shoe that fits best for your foot. At Metro Run & Walk by Potomac River Running you will be greeted at the door by a shoe fitting expert. They will measure your foot, analyze your arch, go through a gait analysis process, and help you pick out accessories you need for your feet. The best part? This process is absolutely free! Whether you are a walker, runner, or just someone who needs comfortable day-to-day shoes, this is the place for you!

The process begins with a foot measure. Your shoe fitting expert will measure the length and width of your foot to make sure you get the perfect size. Customers are often surprised to learn that they have been wearing the wrong size shoe! Next comes the gait and arch analysis. You will step on a foot disc that measures the height of your arch. A lot of times adding an insert to your new pair of shoes will further increase the comfort and support the arch. The gait analysis involves you walking or running for about 10 seconds on the floor or treadmill while a staff member films you with an iPad. Afterwards, the staff will go over the video with you in slow motion. This is where you can really see how your foot is moving. The staff will look for things like arch and ankle movement and over pronation. Once the process is over, the staff member will guide you in picking out shoes that are just right for your foot. In addition, they will help you try on inserts, moisture-wicking socks, and help you with injury prevention accessories such as foam rollers. When you walk out of Metro Run & Walk by Potomac River Running, you can rest assured that the products you purchased are just right for you based on your personalized analysis.

With the holidays coming up, give the gift of comfort by purchasing gift cards for your loved ones to allow them to experience a personalized shoe fitting. Remember, you don't have to be a runner or athlete to come see us! Do you walk to work? Do you spend all day standing at your job? Do you just need more support on your feet walking around your house? Then you are the perfect candidate for our one-on-one shoe fitting process. Come visit us at Metro Run & Walk by Potomac River Running for your free shoe fitting experience!

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- Make sure you know where the valves are for your outside spigots. That way, when freezing weather is forecast, you can easily turn off the water to the outside spigots.
- Shut off and drain the pipes leading to your outside faucets. Using the valves located inside your home, make sure no water is left to freeze, expand, and cause a leak in these lines.
- Never try to thaw frozen pipes with an open flame or torch. If you cannot maintain heat inside your home, take further precautions to prevent damage. Turn off the main water supply and drain the plumbing.
- If you'll be away from home for an extended period, keep the thermostat at a reasonable temperature to protect pipes from freezing.

Insulate pipes in unheated spaces. Hardware or building supply stores carry insulation designed to keep pipes in these areas from freezing.

For more information go to: <https://www.fairfaxwater.org/your-plumbing#tips>



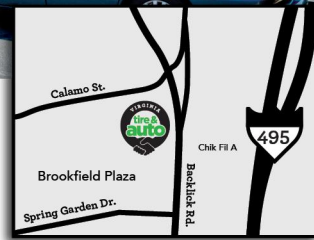
A vertical advertisement for Metro Run &amp; Walk. The top section has a dark blue background with the store's logo in white and orange, and the text 'BY POTOMAC RIVER RUNNING'. Below this, the headline 'DO YOUR FEET HURT?' is in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath, it says 'THEY DON'T HAVE TO...' in white, followed by a paragraph in white text: 'Stop by our Springfield location for a free video gait analysis and shoe fitting. We'll help fit you in a shoe that's right for you!'. To the right, 'SHOP WITH US FOR THE HOLIDAYS!' is written in orange, with the address '7289 Commerce St, Springfield, VA 22150' in white. The bottom half of the ad shows a woman on a treadmill in a store, with a man standing by her side. A blue box with white text reads 'BEST RUNNING STORES IN AMERICA 2019'. At the bottom, there is a row of shoe brand logos: adidas, ALTRA, asics, BROOKS, HOKA ONE ONE, Mizuno, new balance, Nike, on, saucony, and UNDER ARMOUR. The background of the bottom half features decorative orange and blue leaves and berries.

# Lee High School Lancer Singers

The Lee High Lancer Singers have been busy and are super excited for another musically filled year. We have been busy practicing for upcoming shows and competitions. If you want to hear the amazing voices live, the Lancer Singer students will perform at the Springfield VFW before Bingo in early December, and at the Smithsonian ZooLights event December 14th. The Singers will treat the crowds to holiday caroling!



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Opening this fall: HERNDON – 199 Elden Street & TYSONS – 2055 Chain Bridge Road



Our big event this December is our Winter Concert on December 12th at 7pm in partnership with the Lancer Orchestra. This is a free concert and open to everyone. We hope you can come hear this live performance. In addition to these upcoming events, the students are also preparing for District choral tryouts and their spring musical competition "Music in the Parks".

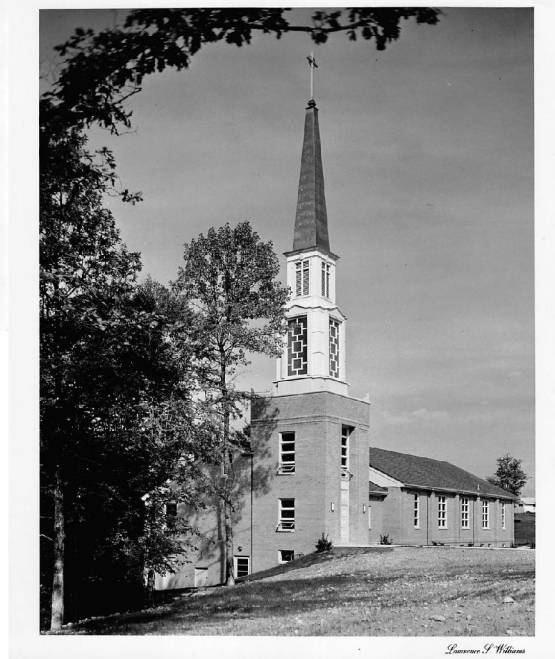
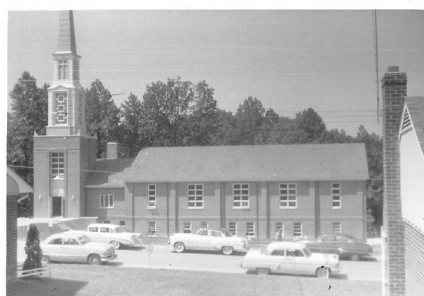
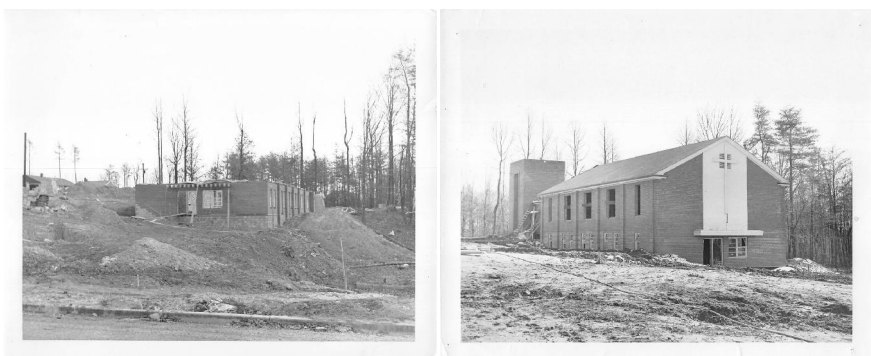
To support all these efforts, the Lancer Singers are selling White House Historical Society Ornaments for \$25. If you are interested in purchasing one they will be sold at the VFW Bingo night, concert night (if any left) or email our Choral Booster President [julie@lancersingers.org](mailto:julie@lancersingers.org) if interested.

All of us at the Lee High Lancer Singers want to thank the entire SCA community for your support in 2019. We hope you can join us at our Winter Concert on December 12th, at 7pm in the auditorium at Lee High School. We hope your holidays are filled with lots of joyous music.



## Grace Presbyterian Anniversary

This year, 2019, marks 65 years of ministry for Grace Presbyterian Church (7434 Bath Street, Springfield). As a wave of building came to Springfield in the early 1950's, the Presbyterians joined other denominations in establishing new congregations to serve the growing community. The first worship service for Presbyterians exploring a new church plant was held in the living room of a two-story house at the corner of Floyd and Grayson Streets on November 1, 1953. Then on January 17, 1954, a ceremony was held to formally recognize the organization of Grace Presbyterian Church. In the fall of 1955, on a large lot at the corner of Bath and Grace Streets, the first phase of the building began. As the neighborhood watched, the steeple was raised in mid-May of 1956. The intervening years have seen changes to the church, to the neighborhood, and to Springfield, but these pictures offer a window into the early days of congregation and community. 65 years later, Grace continues a vital ministry seeking to form partnerships and embrace needs in the local community and the world.





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Cribbage—Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19 7:00pm  
Thanksgiving Dinner (Pot Luck) - Nov. 28 5:00pm  
Blood Drive—Dec. 10 1:30-7:30pm  
Christmas Dinner with Kings Park Concert Band—Dec. 13 5:30pm, \$20.00



## **Santa Clause is Coming to... Post 176**



**Sunday, December 15, 2019  
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## *SCA Meeting Dates*

The SCA holds meetings every other month. Meetings are held at Crestwood Elementary School and begin with a social time at 7:00pm. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30pm and runs until 9:00pm.

The meeting dates for 2019-2020 are:

September 17, 2019

November 19, 2019

January 21, 2020

March 17, 2020

May 19, 2020

In case of bad weather, SCA follows the Fairfax County Public Schools schedule. If schools are closed, there will be no SCA meeting.

## *Springfield Giant is on the Move*

According to the Washington Business Journal, the Springfield Plaza Giant Food store will be moving into the empty KMART space. The 3 million dollar construction project is slated to begin in early to mid 2020 and is expected to take roughly six months to complete. Giant will fill up most of the KMART space. The remaining 10,000 square feet will be divided among other tenants.



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**Tuesday, Nov. 19**  
**Crestwood ES**

**Social time—7:00pm**  
**Meeting—7:30pm**

**Program:**  
**“The Many Faces of Homelessness”**

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