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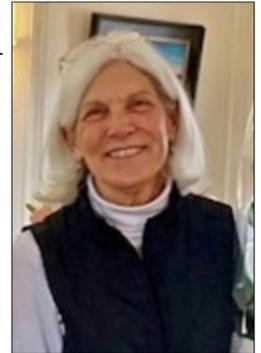
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## *President's Message—Gail Nittle*

Welcome to a new year of coming together to work for the betterment of our community! I'm Gail Nittle, your newly-elected Springfield Civic Association (SCA) president.

I've lived in Crestwood since 1982 when the Navy moved us from California. My three boys were 9, 5 and 3. Thinking back to what attracted me to Crestwood, they are still the reasons that keep me here and have given me such satisfaction over the years! Having three young boys to educate, of course good schools were a high priority. Our family also wanted a library close by and a local place of worship. Being centrally located next to a national interchange, without a long drive (or crawl) down Old Keene Mill or Braddock Road to get home, was important in 1982 and even more important today! Brookfield Park and Lake Accotink Park – the site of many Laser Tag games and exploring Civil War History as well as endless bike rides and "woods walks" were enormous draws! Even now, 37 years later, "woods walks" in Brookfield and Accotink Parks are still grand adventure for my sons and their children! Add having Washington, DC so close and two international airports within easy driving distance and it's a formula for satisfaction and gratitude! I'm happy to be living here, aren't you?!



The SCA's by-laws state as its purpose "to stimulate interest in and to devise ways and means for the promotion of the civic community and general welfare. Special attention shall be given to private and public development in the central Springfield area. The Association shall be strictly non-partisan and non-sectarian. It reserves the right, however, to propose, oppose or support any legislation affecting the welfare of the Springfield area."

The Board and I are excited about the projects we have tackled and the connections that have been made! About once a quarter, we meet with the Lee District Supervisor to discuss issues important to our community and to receive updates. Recently, Captain Gregory R. Fried, Commander, Franconia District Station met with two SCA Board members to discuss ways in which we can mutually support each other. The principals of the four schools in our pyramid - Marguerite Saitta, Crestwood Elementary School; Jay Nocco, Lynbrook Elementary School; Aimee Holleb, Key Intermediate School; and Deirdre Lavery, Lee High School – shared with SCA Board members the exciting things their schools are doing and agreed to share those things with you at our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting! Two SCA members are working on the run-away shopping carts loose in our neighborhood issue. Last spring, one of our SCA Board members, went to Richmond to support a bill that would address the issue. Unfortunately, the bill did not make it out of committee. We will keep trying with legislation and have also contacted the various stores with the hope of improving the situation.

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**September Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept. 17  
Crestwood ES**  
**Social time—7:00pm  
Meeting—7:30pm**  
**Program:  
"Back to School"  
An Update From  
Area School  
Principals**

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

Crestwood/Lynbrook folks held ten SCA-supported National Night Out events! If you didn't hold one or didn't attend one but would like to, please contact me at [springfieldcivic@yahoo.com](mailto:springfieldcivic@yahoo.com). We'd like to see even more next year!

The SCA has awarded Certificates of Appreciation to almost a dozen businesses as a way to thank them for beautifying their locations. We have two members who attend Lee District Land Use meetings so we're kept informed. LIDL (at the corner of Commerce Street and Brandon) is fast taking shape before our eyes and it's anticipated to open in 2021. TSA is on schedule to occupy by summer 2020. The Springfield Metro re-opened as scheduled on September 9<sup>th</sup>. About 1,000 surveys were submitted to the Springfield Rebranding Project. Stay tuned! SCA Board members have met with Doug Loescher, Program Manager, Community Revitalization Section and will keep you updated.

Did you notice that the stretch along Old Keene Mill from Commerce Street to Hanover got a mowing? It looks so much better – thanks to an SCA volunteer! SCA members are working with VDOT and the County to see what can be done to get it looking even better so it can serve as a welcoming entrance to the Crestwood neighborhood!

Last, let me say a huge thank-you to my predecessor, Bruce Waggoner, for his years of dedicated, selfless service in bringing us together, keeping us together and moving us in the right direction. Another shout-out goes to the SCA Board members! All of our Board positions are volunteer and our work is accomplished with the help of other volunteers (YOU!). Thank you, Bruce, and the Board!

We're an all-volunteer association so your involvement is essential! If you have planned a community activity, let us know and we may be able to help you publicize it. We welcome your positive input and ideas so we can work together to make this community all it can be!

Looking forward to seeing you at our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting! ~Gail



*The Bridge Walk was a fun event and a great opportunity to connect with friends and make new ones! (l-r) Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, Gail Nittle, Marta Morrissey, Bruce Waggoner, Larry Farnsworth, Rodney Lusk (running unopposed for Lee District Supervisor in November), and Larry's twin girls Ella and Emma.*

## Jeff McKay's Update



As time goes on, and climate change continuously affects our environment with temperature fluctuations, increasing storms, and sporadic weather, I believe Fairfax County must lead the way in combating the climate crisis. I am happy to say we are continuing to do that with our environmental-friendly efforts and programs here in the County.

Fairfax County is leading the way in solar energy. In August, Fairfax County became the first local jurisdiction in the state of Virginia to reach SolSmart Gold Status. The Gold designation comes after the Board voted earlier this summer to amend the zoning ordinance by allowing residential and non-residential buildings to add solar as an accessory use.

As a way to incentivize an increased use and reliance on solar energy by our residents and businesses, Fairfax County offers several incentives such as no-fee permitting for residential or commercial solar systems, same-day building permits for solar systems, and tax exemptions for homeowners and businesses who install solar equipment.

These solar incentives and programs are a part of the County's overall Operational Energy Strategy that aims to reduce local government energy consumption through energy efficiency, renewable energy and innovative technologies. As part of this strategy, Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools are planning to install solar panels on multiple facilities.

Additionally, the County is increasing its recycling efforts. As part of these efforts, County residents can stop by their local government centers and drop off any unwanted glass jars and bottles in the purple bin.

I'm excited to say that we now have a purple bin for glass recycling here at Franconia Governmental Center! The purple bin program is intended to provide a higher level of recycling for the glass bottles and jars and there is no fee associated with it and anyone can participate. For more questions on this program, you can call my office at 703-971-6262.



I know our solar energy efforts and incentives along with our increased recycling programs are only just the beginning of the great things we can accomplish to combat this crisis. I look forward to continuing my work on these issues and making sure Fairfax County is the most environmentally friendly jurisdiction.

Jeff McKay/Lee District Supervisor

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## Friends of the Richard Byrd Library

### Children's Flash Book Sale.

Abundant bargains, from baby's first books through middle school treasures and parent/teacher resources.

Thursday, October 10, 6 - 9 pm AND Friday, October 11, 10am - 1pm.

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



Thursday, October 10, 6pm - 9pm  
Friday, October 11, 10am - 1pm

Richard Byrd Library  
7250 Commerce Street Springfield, VA 22150



- ◇ 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

**CoderDojo resumes:** After a brief summer break, our CoderDojo program (teaching children to code) resumes at Richard Byrd Library on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 - 3pm (and every third Saturday of each month). Robots were added last year with great success! Come join the fun! 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:** At Pohick Regional Library Meet Peter Finn, author of *A Guest of the Reich: The Story of American Heiress Gertrude Legendre's Dramatic Captivity and Escape from Nazi Germany* and Michael Dobbs, author of *The Unwanted: America, Auschwitz, and a Village Caught in Between*. Books available for sale and signing. Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 9pm. The event is part of the [Fall for the Book Festival](#). Cosponsored by Friends of Pohick Regional Library and Friends of Richard Byrd Library.

**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](mailto:rbfriends@gmail.com).

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

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## *Richard Byrd Library*



The Richard Byrd Library originally began as a storefront in 1958. The building at the current location opened in March 1965 and was completely renovated in 2010. The library received certification with a Gold rating under the Leadership Energy Environmental Design (LEED) program, sponsored by the U.S. Green Building Council. A distinctive feature of the new library is our weathervane, an accurate replica of the airplane flown by Admiral Byrd during his exploration of Antarctica and his flight over the South Pole.

### Events in the next month:

- [One on One Tech Assistance](#) – All Day Event, Monday – Saturday, September 10 – November 31
- [My Gym Tiny Tykes](#) - Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 10:30am - 11:15am
- [My Gym Toddlers](#) - 10:30am - 11:15am, 11:30am-12:15am
- [Afternoon Book Club](#) - Read to discuss Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward, Thursday, September 12, 2019, 1:30pm-3:30pm
- [Accessing Health Mind/Body Series: Managing Emotions](#) - Saturday, September 14, 2019, 10:30-12:00
- [Introduction to Google G Suite](#) – Saturday, September 14, 2019, 1:00pm-2:00pm
- [Baby Play & Explore](#) - Monday, September 16, 2019, 2:00pm-3:00pm
- [Neighborhood Plant Clinic](#) - Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm
- [English Conversation Group](#) - Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7:00pm-9:00pm
- [Toddler Time](#) - Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 10:30-11:00
- [LEGOs in the Library](#) - Thursday, September 19, 2019, 4:40pm-6:00pm
- [Springfield Writer's Group](#) - Thursday, September 19, 2019, 7:00pm-9:00pm
- [CoderDojo: Teaching Kids to Code](#) - Saturday, September 21, 2019, 1:00-3:00
- [Neighborhood Plant Clinic](#) - Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10:00am-1:00pm
- [English Conversation Group](#) - Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 7:00pm-9:00pm
- [A Is For Apple](#)—Wednesday, September 25, 10:30am-11:30am
- [An Evening With David Swinson and Alan Orloff](#)—Thursday, September 26, 7:00pm-8:00pm
- [Saturday Stories](#)—September 28, 10:30am-11:00am
- [Leones De Oro Latin Dance Team](#), Saturday, September 28, 2:00-4:00
- [Qigong](#)—Monday, September 30, 10:30am-12:00pm
- [Baby Plan & Explore](#)—Monday, September 30, 2:00pm-3:00pm

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## Lake Accotink

### Preparing for the birds

Fall is an exciting time in nature. Migration is coming and the plants know it. Plant movement and success rely on seed dispersal from animals. Soon Lake Accotink will have birds from up north who are headed south, and some who will over winter here. Migration usually occurs at night. So, the birds are feeding and resting during the day. The trees and other type plants take advantage of the large number of new visitors by going to fruit. One good example is our state tree the dogwood. Its beautiful fleshy red fruit provides high fat to over 35 species of birds! Migration burns a lot of calories. These birds eat the fruit and then unknowingly disperse the seed when they go to the bathroom. In the spring new dogwood trees will be ready to grow as this symbiotic relationship works like a charm.



Goldenrod flowers this time a year. This beautiful yellow explosion attracts the last remaining insects of the summer providing excellent food for the migrating birds that eat insects. This beautiful flower also relies on seed dispersal and goldfinch help with just that. I love the fall and love how everything is connected in nature. I try and walk every day down to the marina and back marveling at this beautiful park and the nature it holds. If you see a man in uniform with a pair of binoculars around his neck, please say hello. I love to talk about nature.

Tony Bulmer/Interim Park Manager

## American Association of University Women

### Cultural and Historical Perspective on Women in Pakistan



Dr. Mussaret Anwar Sheikh, retired Associate Professor of Fatima Jinnah Women University, Pakistan, will present "Culture and Historical Perspective on Women in Pakistan" on Thursday, September 19 at the Mason District Government Center. "As a member of the local branch of the American Association of University Women and as a Life member of the Pakistan Federation of University Women, I am especially looking forward to this event," Dr. Sheikh commented.

Dr. Sheikh is an internationally recognized education professional with over thirty years of diverse experience as an active member of National Curriculum Review Committee and of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. One of her key accomplishments was establishing curriculum and funding for the first program in Women's Studies at Allama Iqbal Open University in Pakistan. Dr. Sheikh developed training modules for professional development used by over 700 teachers and started a program for secondary education for 200 girls in remote rural areas, under British Council sponsorship. Success of the program resulted in nationwide expansion for both girls and boys.

In addition to developing programs, Dr. Sheikh served a principal investigator for a research project on assessment, funded by the USAID Teacher Education Project. She also played a significant role in establishing early child care centers for faculty and students.

She has worked with numerous organizations, including the United Nations and the Norwegian Agency for Development. She received M.S. and Ph.D degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington, as well as advanced degrees from Peshawar University, Pakistan. Dr. Sheikh is a member of numerous prestigious professional organizations including the Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers, Pakistan Federation of University Women, and the Pakistan Education Foundation.

The program will take place from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St.Alban's Episcopal Church, 6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale and is presented by the Springfield-Annandale branch of the American Association of University Women.

All are welcome!



## *Trails for Youth*

### **Fun, Fitness and Fixing-up Brookfield Park Bicycle Pump Track with TrailsforYouth.Org**



It's been over a year since the Brookfield Park bicycle pump-track was completed. Has it made a difference? Well, it has to the children in the area! Kids from 12 local schools as well as home-schooled children have come to ride the pump-track and learn more about mountain biking and gain much needed exercise and fun in the process. They have enjoyed the park so much they also have started setting up a volleyball net there on occasion. The Fairfax County Bicycle Police Officers have used the pump track as an opportunity for community outreach with the kids as well. Do the kids appreciate it? You bet! Since its completion kids regularly clean the field area of the park and have even mowed and weed-wacked the area around the pump-track so they can continue to enjoy themselves there. Just this past month, the youth and their families moved nearly a ton of dirt to repair rain damage to the track itself.

So what's next? Just like the improved Brookfield Park playground increased opportunities for the youngest kids, we want to provide more opportunities to keep the kids rolling at Brookfield and Accotink. First order will be to maintain the level of fun at the pump-track area, then clean up existing identified trails at Brookfield, like the one that goes to the CCT and connects to Lake Accotink Park. Both TrailsforYouth.Org and now The Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) are willing to assist to make for a better sustainable park experience for bike riders of all ages and abilities. We hope you join us. For more information about TrailsforYouth.Org please visit the website or facebook page or email us at [info@trailsforyouth.org](mailto:info@trailsforyouth.org).



## *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, September 17th, or you can pay your dues anytime via our website, [springfieldcivic.org](http://springfieldcivic.org). Dues are \$15 per household.



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## *Sponsor Spotlight*

*Interview conducted by Barbara Coder*

The Springfield Civic Association is proud to continue to shine a spotlight on its sponsors. Janice Buckley, a Springfield Plaza based Long and Foster real estate agent, is among these valued long-standing sponsors. Janice has been a realtor for 17 years and has a special connection to northern Virginia having lived and worked in the area for 25 years.

Janice is very familiar with the Springfield real estate market, with a large percentage of her business focused in central Springfield. Janice prides herself on providing very personal and individualized service to her clients. Trust and integrity are the backbone of her business. Her specialties include: buyer's agent, listing agent, moving and staging.

Janice was a Crestwood resident for nearly ten years and still resides in the 22150 zip code. She is not only a neighborhood real estate expert, but is true member of the community. Janice is committed to seeing central Springfield community succeed to include local business and schools. Janice previously served on the Springfield Swim Club board and currently serves on the board at Grace Presbyterian Church. She also serves as a volunteer for Fairfax County's Grandinvolve program. She routinely drives seniors from the local Greenspring retirement community to Crestwood Elementary School where they tutor/mentor local students.

Janice sees great opportunities for the central Springfield real estate market as a result of recent redevelopment and the relocation of the Transportation Security Administration headquarters near the Franconia-Springfield metro station.

The Springfield Civic Association is thankful for Janice's continued sponsorship. If you are looking for a trusted real estate advisor, practiced negotiator or skilled house hunter who will work tirelessly on your behalf, we invite you to seek out Janice Buckley.



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## *Crestwood Elementary PTA*

### **Welcome Back to a New School Year from the Crestwood Owls!**

A new school year, and a whole lot of fun! We are so excited to have our Owls back in our Crestwood Nest, and we have a lot to look forward to! The Crestwood Owls PTA has graciously welcomed me into the role of PTA President and I am more than thrilled to take the reigns alongside my amazing Executive Committee: Vice President Erika Alvarado, Secretary Durcy Carbajal, and Treasurer Jillian Hanright But don't let us have all the fun: you can join us anytime throughout the year at any of our sponsored events and you can support us by becoming a member of the Crestwood Owls PTA, eating at one of our restaurant nights, volunteering in the Crestwood Community, or by donating to the PTA. Here are a few of our upcoming events to put on your calendar:

#### **September**

Wed 9/4: PTA General Meeting

Tues 9/10: Back to School Night

Wed 9/11: El Paso Dinner Night

Sat 9/14: Bike Rodeo

#### **October**

Wed 10/2: Walk/Bike to School Day

Wed 10/2: PTA General Meeting

Wed 10/9: Panda Express Dinner Night

#### **November**

Wed 11/6: PTA General Meeting

Tues 11/12: Chipotle Dinner Night

Wed 11/13: Turkey Trot Fundraiser

#### **December**

Wed 12/4: PTA General Meeting

Tues 12/11: Paisano's Dinner Night



Cassie Planakis, PTA President



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**WHEN:** 2nd Sun of every Month - This Sunday 8 Sept we are also cleaning and weeding our Pollinator Educational Garden and around the Marina (lights -weeds)

**TIME:** 9:00am -11:00ish and 12:00 to 3:00pm

\*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) SPECIAL HELP REQUEST: 12:00 to 3:00PM - meet at Marina building - weed and clean-up/ [contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:contact@flapaccotink.org)

### **FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:** To be announced on our Social Media <https://www.facebook.com/friendsoflakeaccotinkpark/> and <https://www.twitter.com/accotinkfriends>

**DATE:** Sept 26th Thursday

**LOCATION (*Ravensworth Farm*):** Community of Christ 5610 Interchapel Road, Springfield VA 22151

**TIME:** 7:30-8:30pm - Short films and pictures of Lake Accotink Park start at 6:45pm

## *GrandInvolve*

### **GrandInvolve Continues to Expand in Springfield! Come Join Us!**

Are you looking for a rewarding experience that benefits Fairfax County students, teachers and families??? We need you! GrandInvolve is recruiting older adults as volunteers who would like to become mentors, reading helpers, math helpers and classroom assistants. No experience required..... We need just a few hours of your time to make a difference to a student, teacher or family in our community.

This fall we are moving into all the Title 1 Elementary Schools in the Lee District of Fairfax County. Crestwood, Lynbrook, Garfield, and Springfield Estates all have active GrandInvolve programs. We're now recruiting volunteers for every Lee District Title 1 School! Hours are flexible and opportunities await..... Interested? Contact [info@GrandInvolve.org](mailto:info@GrandInvolve.org)

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## ECHO News



ECHO's food distribution process works like this: Neighbors, congregations, civic groups and individuals donate non-perishable foods and personal hygiene supplies; Food Room volunteers organize the donated foods by type. Other volunteers pack paper grocery bags with a variety of foods according to a plan to meet nutritional needs. The plan includes vegetables, staples, protein items, health and hygiene supplies, among other things. When we don't have enough donations of something we consider essential, we have to purchase it with funds we would prefer to use for helping people in financial emergencies.

People who have a food emergency can call ECHO for a quick appointment. They get a generous number of pre-packed bags of food based on the size of their household. ECHO's food program is designed for emergency needs only- not for continual shortages, though we know that some families are in a weekly struggle to feed everyone sufficiently. Summer is difficult because there are no formal food drives to help restock ECHO's shelves. Our most needed Food Room items now are bags of rice, bags of dried beans, jelly, vegetable oil, boxed potatoes, detergent, toilet paper and deodorant. Please see [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org) for a complete list of current needs including school supplies and clothing. 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.

In addition to canned, boxed or bagged foods, ECHO needs children's sneakers, small and medium sized men's clothing, and large pots and pans. Volunteers are also needed to assist donors and sort donations on Monday, or Friday or Saturday mornings at our Donation Door, or to sort household items on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. To get more information about volunteering, contact ECHO's Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org).

### Food Drives

September - Burke Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Episcopal,

Rolling Valley LDS for Governor's Day of Service

October - First Baptist Springfield, St. Mark's Lutheran

### Upcoming Dates to Note

September 2 - Closed for Labor Day

September 7 - Saturday opening

September 13, 16 - Changeover to Fall/Winter Clothing

September 16 - Board of Dir Meeting, 7:30, Grace Presbyterian

October 5 - Saturday opening

October 14 - Closed for Columbus Day

October 21 - Exec. Cmte meets, at ECHO, 7:30

October 26 - ECHO Yard Sale, St. Bernadette's Gym

For more information about ECHO on the following topics, please visit our website: [echo-inc.org](http://echo-inc.org)

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### Help Shape the Future of Fairfax County

Fairfax County is planning for the next 10-20 years of our community and needs to hear from you. What does your neighborhood look like in the future? Attend an upcoming community meeting where you'll learn more about progress on the first-ever countywide strategic plan. Go to [fairfaxcounty.gov/strategicplan](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/strategicplan) to learn more and register.

- Monday, Sept. 16**, 6:30-8:30pm, Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke
- Tuesday, Sept. 17**, 6:30-8:30pm, Justice High School in Falls Church
- Wednesday, Sept. 18**, 7:00-9:00pm at Chantilly High School in Chantilly
- Thursday, Sept. 19**, 6:30-8:30pm at South Lakes High School in Reston
- Monday, Sept. 23**, 6:30-8:30pm at Gum Springs Community Center in Alexandria
- Wednesday, Sept 25**, 6:30-8:30pm at Marshall High School in Tyson/Falls Church

## Fairfax Fire and Rescue

### Fairfax Citizen's Fire & Rescue Academy

Designed for adults to learn more about how the fire department is organized and operates, the Community Fire & Rescue Academy (CFRA) is open to persons 18 and older who live in Fairfax County. Classes meet Thursday evenings for eight consecutive weeks, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning **September 26, 2019 and ending November 14, 2019**. During each session, participants learn about a different aspect of the fire department, ranging from fire suppression, emergency medical services, hiring and training firefighters to special rescue operations. Participants will also spend time at fire stations, training academy, Public Safety Headquarters, and at the 911 dispatch center. For more information please contact Deputy Chief Willie Bailey, Health, Safety, and Wellness Division, 703-246-4630 or via email at [fire.cfra@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fire.cfra@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## *The Woman's Club of Springfield*

The Woman's Club of Springfield will kick-off its new club year with its first meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church. We will have a speaker from Mended Hearts, an organization that supports heart surgery patients. During the presentation from our speaker, our members will be stuffing cough pillows for Fairfax Hospital.



In October (October 8th), our meeting will feature a speaker from the Fairfax County Emergency Response that will talk to us about what happens after you call 911.

Our meetings are always open to visitors and prospective members. Come and see what we are all about. We have been part of Springfield since 1954 and have a rich history of volunteering in the Springfield community.



While our meetings are now gearing up again, The Pink Elephant Shop kept us busy all summer. We are grateful for the support of the Springfield Community for over 55 years. We remain in our small shop in the Concord Center, in the arcade. Our hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Saturday.

Consignments are taken, without appointment, in the mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Please come in and see what treasures you may find.

We have an exciting Club Year ahead of us and look forward to our many outings, luncheons and other activities. We will be giving many grants to our local schools and other organizations with the funds we make at the Pink Elephant Shop.

We welcome new members. If you are interested in knowing more about our Club, visit our website at [www.womansclubofspringfield.org](http://www.womansclubofspringfield.org). For information about the General Federation of Women's Clubs (our parent organization), please visit [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org). For information about joining the Woman's Club of Springfield, speak to anyone in the Pink Elephant Shop or call our Membership Chairman, Lee Ripper, at 703/719-9645, or e-mail her at [leahripper2@gmail.com](mailto:leahripper2@gmail.com).

## *American Legion Post 176 Events*

**American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield**

**Activities Open to the Public - All Are Welcome**

**Breakfast/Lunch- Mon-Sat** 7AM-2:30PM, Warrior Cafe, 1st floor

**Breakfast/Lunch - Sun** - 8AM - 2:30PM, Warrior Café

**Friday night dinner** - 5:30-7:30PM - Warrior Cafe

**VetYoga every Mon** - 7PM - Banquet Hall, 1st floor - free

**Bridge Club 1st & 3d Wed each month** - 7PM - Warrior Cafe - free

**Cribbage every Thurs** - 7PM - Warrior Cafe- free

**Pig Roast, Sep 28** - 3-7PM - Live music - tickets available at the Post now or on arrival - \$30



- **Blood Drive - Oct 8**, 1:30-7:15PM - Held regularly on 2d Tues of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. Sign up to register for a time to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code AmericanLegion176 or call 1-800-733-2767 and tell the rep you want to donate at American Legion176.

- **Octoberfest - Oct 18** - 6-8PM dinner - Kings Park German Band 6:30-8:30, Door Prizes - tickets for dinner and chance for a door prize available at Post now or on arrival - \$25.

Those attending the separate fundraiser that evening are welcome to join the Octoberfest fun, but buy a ticket if you want dinner and chance for a door prize.

## Springfield Art Guild (SAG)



### 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 with

#### September Guest Speaker [Martin J. Cervantez](#)



Martin enlisted in the Army Signal Corps in July 1986 as an Illustrator. His most prestigious assignment was Artist in Residence at the U.S. Army Center of Military History where he was responsible for capturing the Army's history through art.

He deployed to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 2008 and 2011.

During these deployments he produced artwork that visually recorded Soldiers' experiences the Army's achievements. Two of his oil paintings were recently featured in the National Constitution Center's public exhibition "Art of the American Soldier" in Philadelphia.



Martin is a self-taught artist who has created art since he was a child. He's used art as his own therapy during recovery from his recent six surgeries. Martin also advocates for veteran's art programs, and was involved at the USO Ft Belvoir, and Walter Reed; Warrior Writers from Philadelphia, and Combat Paper New Jersey. Martin is also known for turning the Workhouse guard towers into static kaleidoscopes by using colored films on the windows of the towers, creating a dynamic piece of art that changes with time of day, and position of view.

Martin is the 2017 recipient of the Prince William County Kathleen Seefeldt Award for Best Artist. His most recent public art project was the 2018 Berlin Airlift mural/assemblage, in Wiesbaden, Germany.

#### **When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 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 through the doors to the right. The auditorium is to the right.

**Who: All are welcome.** (Free event) you don't have to be an artist to enjoy the evening.

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 from 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.

For more information about SAG and/or membership go to our website [www.springfieldartguild.org](http://www.springfieldartguild.org) Don't forget to check out our great newsletters for more information about SAG and its activities on our website.

## Springfield Swim Club

Whoosh, the sound of the days which pass far too quickly between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Hopefully, several of your summer days were filled with outdoor fun, friends, sunshine, lemonade, good books, long walks and a few good naps. This summer, I made a more conscious effort to spend time enjoying my pool membership at Springfield Swimming Club. If you will indulge me a few observations from the summer.

It seems a community pool offers a little something for everyone. Most weekdays, I observed in the early morning, our TigerShark swim team hard at practice learning and perfecting new swim strokes, a glimpse of our absolutely adorable young TigerPups learning to swim and being coached by teens showing strong leadership skills and a great deal of patience. Then around lunchtime yet another crowd arrives to swim usually to encourage a toddler into taking an afternoon nap. As the afternoon sun lowers, one may see adults swimming laps, doing water exercises, playing card games, working a puzzle, discussing politics and even lounging in a chair reading the latest literary bestseller. An observer catches snippets of conversations about new recipes, parenting advice and woes, the latest movie reviews, health updates and neighborhood developments. Teenagers arrive by bicycle throughout the day to hang out with their friends under the pavilion. By evening, children bring their parents after work to enjoy a quick swim before closing.



Did I mention our diving board? Watching some of our Tigershark divers is a sight to behold but so is a young child braving a fear to jump in for the first time or watching an adult nail a childhood dive much to the glee of those watching. Our Tigershark swim team achieves many personal best records and quite a few individual blue ribbons but more importantly, they bond in a way that embodies the true meaning of a team and good sportsmanship.

Sprinkled throughout the summer are potlucks, barbecues, birthday parties and neighbors of all ages spending time together and getting to know one another.

Years ago, one of the founding members of the pool, shared with me that the main goal in 1955 as they discussed constructing a neighborhood pool was to build community and offer the neighborhood a safe and fun place to “hang out.” Hooray, 64 years later; their vision is still going strong!

Kim Hatfield/Pool Member

## Beautification Awards



SCA gave Beautification Awards to three businesses which achieve outstanding results with their landscaping even during the recent heat and heavy rains we have been experiencing.

**Trimark Corporation** is a commercial real estate business which owns the property at Brookfield Plaza on Backlick Road. The elaborate plantings along the length of Spring Garden Drive, and the planters by the post office and shops within the plaza, are the result of Trimark's priority to make their property attractive for shoppers and business owners. We learned from Trimark's Vice President, Nadia Rassas, that **Nothing Bundt Cake** is coming soon to Brookfield Plaza!



One of the first impressions of our Springfield when exiting the interchange onto Old Keene Mill Road is of lovely trees and plantings flanking the base of the American Legion Bridge. Beautification Awards were presented to the management of **Residence Inn by Marriott** and **Homewood Suites by Hilton** who work together to create this lovely welcome for their guests. The **Residence Inn** welcomes their guests through a shady lush courtyard. **Homewood Suites** sports a peaceful fountain arrangement harkening to the springs of Springfield.

We thank these businesses for choosing to keep Springfield green and beautiful!



## *National Night Out*

A national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, National Night Out (NNO) is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August. These events enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and they provide a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The SCA supported this campaign by providing grocery store gift cards to community members who held NNO gatherings at their homes or churches. This year, nine events in the Crestwood/Lynbrook area were supported with the monies being used for picnic foods and ice cream social fixings. Be on the lookout next year for an event near you or consider hosting one yourself!



## *Road Rules for School Buses, School Zones and Crossing Guards*

With more than a million residents, our roads are normally busy, but school buses add an extra layer of vehicles. While it may be tempting if you're in a hurry, **it is never OK to pass a school bus, speed through a school zone or ignore a crossing guard's direction.**

### **Driving Rules Near School Buses**

Fairfax County Public Schools runs more than **1,600 buses daily.**

And if you drive, there's no doubt you will encounter FCPS and private school buses. The rules are pretty simple if you encounter a school bus with flashing red lights.

**Drivers must stop in both directions, unless separated from the bus by a median.**



### **School Zones**

Pay attention to school zones, especially where they start and end. Those slower school zone speed limits are there for a reason. Follow the speed limit when the lights are flashing. **It's important to add more time into your commuting schedule so you're not in a rush and perhaps decide to pass a school bus or speed through a school zone.**

### **Crossing Guards**

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In the case of an emergency, it is important for individuals and families to have a household plan that includes the needs of household pets. Take the time to get to know your neighbors and what their needs are. Take special notice of neighbors who might have special needs. Historically, individuals with special needs are disparately affected by emergencies.

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## *Franconia District Police Station/ Captain Fried*

*Hello Springfield Civic Association,*

*I recently had the pleasure of meeting with Gail Nittle to discuss matters impacting your community and ways we can continue to grow our relationship. The Franconia District Station has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with your community, and I hope to further build upon that. I assured Gail that as your Franconia Police Commander, I will always be accessible, transparent, and supportive as we foster positive relationships and work to keep our community safe.*

*Over the next few months, I plan to take a tour of the district and host community meetings in each police service area; however, I will be in attendance of your Civic Association meeting on September 17, 2019. I hope to see you there and look forward to answering your questions.*

*I would also like to share with you that we recently revised our Franconia Station webpage and added the link to sign up for our monthly Community Report. This newsletter is designed to keep everyone informed on information regarding the Police Department, Franconia, and Fairfax County. Please consider subscribing. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Gregory.fried@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Gregory.fried@fairfaxcounty.gov).*

*I look forward to seeing you the 17<sup>th</sup>.*

*Regards,*

*Captain Fried*

**Captain Gregory R. Fried**

Commander, Franconia District Station

Fairfax County Police Department

6121 Franconia Road

Alexandria, Virginia 22310

Office: 703-277-2408



Helpful links from Captain Gregory R. Fried, Commander, Franconia District Station

Franconia Police Station webpage: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/district/franconia>

County Strategic Plan: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategicplan/>

Fairfax County Panhandling information: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/what-you-need-to-know-about-panhandling-in-fairfax-county/>



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## *Lee High School Lancer Singers*

### Lee High Lancer Singers Made it to Carnegie Hall



The Lee High Lancer Singers would like to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to the SCA for your support last school year. Before the Lancer Singers become immersed in this school year's programs and concerts, we wanted to give the SCA a big THANK YOU! We are thrilled to report that, with your past support, the Lancer Singers were able to be part of the National Youth Choir in Carnegie Hall in New York last spring. The experience and concert were spectacular and we thank you so much for your support.

Upon arriving in New York, the students were integrated into a national youth choir of 388 students from across the country. They settled into the ballroom of the hotel and for 3 days worked extremely hard to learn and perfect the songs. It was fascinating to watch renowned choral director Dr. Edith Copely from Northern Arizona University provide guidance and tutelage asking these students to give more than they thought possible. She raised the bar and challenged them, and we are happy to report that our Lancers rose to the challenge! (We even had several who tried out for a solo.) The kids were extremely excited as the performance neared and it was obvious they were proud of their hard work. When they entered Carnegie Hall, it truly took their breath away. The magnificence of the venue was stunning. They warmed up and waited until it was their time to perform. Honestly, to hear the **melodic tones** of 388 young voices rising up to the far reaches of the audience gave us all goosebumps. It was a once in a lifetime experience, an experience they could not have had without your generous support. Thank you so much for supporting these kids. I urge you to please visit this link to hear the (warmup) performance to fully appreciate and their efforts and success: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bNQ63M4Hnw> .



We hope you can join us for a performance or two this year and that we can count on your support again in the 2019-2020 school year. For more information about the Lee High School Lancer Singers, visit [www.lancersingers.org](http://www.lancersingers.org). ~Julie Childers

## *Future of Lake Accotink*

**A community meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019, to provide an update on lake management options.**

The Park Authority will join Braddock District Supervisor John Cook and Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay to discuss the future plans for Lake Accotink. Members of the community are invited to Cardinal Forest Elementary School (Cafeteria), at 8600 Forrester Blvd in West Springfield. The community meeting will feature an open house from 6:30 until 7 p.m. where the public can discuss the lake management options with staff on an informal basis and a formal presentation with Q&A from 7 to 9 p.m.

Several management options were studied and presented to the community for comment on April 30, 2018. The public input received coupled with additional analysis for lake management options informed the proposed management plan. If you are unable to join us at this meeting, the presentation will be shared online after the meeting with an opportunity to provide additional comments.

Previous meeting presentations and detail about the lake management options studied can be found on the [Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision webpage](#) and more in-depth analysis can be found in the [Lake Sustainability Study](#). Please feel free to share this invite with anyone who may be interested in the project. If you have any questions please contact Adam Wynn, Project Manager via [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov) .



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