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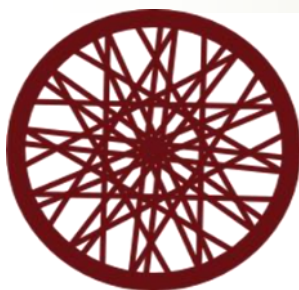
November Meeting

**November 17, 2020
7:30 via ZOOM**

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An Evening With
Evan Braff
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Community Services**

Springfield Reporter



Springfield Civic Association

President's Message—Gail Nittle



I think all will agree that 2020 has presented challenges that affect all of us! Yet, there are always good things happening on which we can focus.

Someone who can tell us about lots of good things available in Fairfax County is the speaker for our November 17th membership meeting - Evan Braff, Regional Manager, Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services. Check out the website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/> and send us your questions before the meeting at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com so Mr. Braff can address them. As you can see, the services he oversees touch just about every area of life: Senior Centers, Virtual Center for Active Adults, Community Centers, Teen Centers, NCS Connects, Human Services Regional Offices, Office for Children, Technology Programs, Therapeutic Recreation Services, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Volunteer opportunities, and NCS Careers. Look for our ZOOM link next week and join us on the 17th!



We had an excellent September meeting with Captain Greg Fried, Commander, Franconia District Station and MPO Mark Gleason (who educated us on the role and value of SROs - School Resource Officers)! Delegate Vivian Watts sat in on our meeting and said how much she appreciated the insights she gained. Who knows if what was shared by our police officers might influence our law makers in Richmond.

Thank you for voting on November 3rd! To check the breakdown of votes in Crestwood and Lynbrook precincts (as well as in Fairfax County), go to [results online](#).

The revitalizing of central Springfield is a project near and dear to our hearts! If you haven't already signed our petition to prevent the building of a 7 story self-storage unit at 6235 Brandon Avenue (near NFCU/behind the TownePlace Suites Marriott), please do so now at <https://form.jotform.com/202944574648062> and encourage your friends/contacts to sign, too! If you have questions, please contact us springfieldcivic@yahoo.org The proposed self-storage unit would be in our revitalization area and does nothing to revitalize our community.

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Your Civic Association Is Not An HOA

Just a reminder – the SCA is not an HOA. It is a civic association which exists to stimulate interest in and to devise ways and means for the promotion of the civic community and general welfare. Special attention is given to private and public development in the central Springfield area. The SCA is non-partisan and non-sectarian, but reserves the right to propose, oppose or support any legislation affecting the welfare of the Springfield area.

President's Message (cont'd)

2 Program Manager, Community Revitalization Section, Dept. of Planning & Development for Fairfax County Doug Loescher will be our speaker at our January 19th meeting. Watch the Bland Street Tree Box Replacement project transform Bland Street! The project will involve removal of diseased and dead trees and damaged tree box pavers along the expanse of Bland Street from Old Keene Mill Road to Brandon Avenue, in order to install 36 new "Golden Colonnade" ginkgo trees and the installation of a new technology for a permeable paving surface, which will allow for filtration of water while also providing ADA-compliant paving surfaces. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Loescher at Douglas.Loescher@fairfaxcounty.gov or the project coordinator, PJ Tierno at Patrick.Tierno@fairfaxcounty.gov, for more details and updates.

Check out the before and after photos on page 3 of two areas of our community that have been given a beauty treatment. It's not complete but definitely an improvement!

Thanks go to SCA 2nd VP Mike Slater for a very successful Halloween House Decorating Contest! Photos inside this issue on page 10. Members of the SCA Board will have the quarterly ZOOM meeting with Supervisor Rodney Lusk on November 19th. If you have any issue you'd like Supervisor Lusk to address, please e-mail us at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season!

~Gail



FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NO JOB IS TOO SMALL FOR US

Your SCA At Work

Have you noticed the new looks?

The SCA has been working hard to make some improvements in the areas you first encounter when you come to Central Springfield. Our thanks go to Mike Lambert, Fairfax County Assistant Director, Real Estate Management Services Facilities Management Department and Green Tree Complete Tree Care for the fantastic cleanup. Check out the pictures and updates below.

If you come south on Backlick/Amherst Roads, you first come to the Crestwood's Springfield welcome sign. The triangle area of grass and plants has been a little overgrown lately.

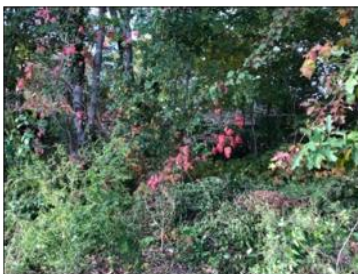
Here is the Crestwood sign before and after cutting:



If you enter the neighborhood from Old Keene Mill Road, you have probably noticed the strip of land between Commerce and Hanover, where the bus stop is located. Much of it has been crowded with overgrowth and dead brush. Look at it now!

Before and after photos of the block on Old Keene Mill between Commerce Street and Hanover Avenue.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



The SCA has worked long and hard for the past two years to make this a reality. SCA President Gail Nittle and member Diane Boughton have spent many hours bringing this project to life. Hopefully, now that it has been "tamed", our volunteers can keep it looking good!

Sign the Petition

Sign the Petition to Keep a 7 Story Storage Facility Out of Central Springfield

Recently, a plan was submitted to build a seven-story storage facility behind the Marriott TownePlace Suites on Brandon Avenue in Springfield.

Springfield Civic Association (SCA) is 100 percent opposed to this proposal.

Have you signed the petition yet? If you have, thank you! **If not, please do and share it with a friend! Let Supervisor Rodney Lusk and the county planning commission know that we do not want a seven-story storage facility in Springfield.**

Marta Morrissey, our SCA Land Use representative answered some questions someone asked regarding the proposed self-storage unit proposal on Brandon. The answers Marta gave are enlightening and should encourage you even more to sign the petition.



Yes, there are height restrictions to the property. The party out of California interested in building on this site at 6235 Brandon Avenue is asking the county to **change** what is currently in the plan so that they may build a seven story tall self-story facility. That would make it 4 stories taller than the Marriott hotel! The change they are asking for is from a 0.40 FAR (Floor Area Ratio) to a 3.0 FAR. That's a big change which allows for a very tall structure to be built on this 1.4 acre lot.

Yes, there are restrictions on the kind of businesses that can go onto that property. The county's plan for this lot currently allows for mixed-use (hotel/retail/civic/arts and residential uses). This developer is asking to **change** the county's plan to allow for a "self-storage use...with ancillary ground-floor retail/restaurant use". A self-storage business is considered more of an industrial use, so he has to ask for this change. As well, the proposal still reads that the developer wants to put in an ancillary retail/restaurant, but told our civic association that he has no intent on doing that.

The property is owned by Newco Investments VA LLC. The registered company address is in Maryland with jurisdiction in Virginia. They have a registered agent on file with an Alexandria, Virginia address. They purchased the property last year.

Your next question about better or worse is an individual call. Some say it is better to have something there than the current gravel lot. The SCA is willing to hold out for better. We feel that the self-storage building facing Augusta and the Springfield interchange (as proposed) gives a gateway appearance that defeats revitalization efforts currently underway for that designated area of our downtown business district. That designated revitalization area is looking to place a business there that enhances other existing businesses and makes for a coordinated walkable, desirable, place to work, visit and live. A self-storage business is estimated to bring only seven jobs and is not a vibrant business.

Yes, there would be access from Augusta Drive as well as Brandon Avenue. This is a concern for neighborhood residents, to be sure. That stretch of Augusta Drive is privately owned by Haf Real Estate I LLC which owns the Tower Building on the curve of Augusta and Bland streets. It is their responsibility for the upkeep of the roadway. Should you wish to register a complaint, they are in Tysons Corner at: 8230 Boone Blvd. Suite 350, Vienna, VA 22182, phone # 703-388-0890.

Thanks for your interest! Please consider signing the petition to help prevent this self-storage business from getting a foothold in our revitalization area. <https://form.jotform.com/202944574648062>

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Message from Supervisor Rodney Lusk



As always, I'd like to thank The Springfield Civic Association for giving me the opportunity to provide updates within your community.

I want to start by saying that Covid-19 is still a major threat in our community. We all must continue to do our part to slow the spread of the virus, especially as we approach the winter months and influenza season. [The Fairfax County Health Department](#) and other public health officials have recommended that adults and children over six-month-old get the flu shot this year to prevent respiratory illnesses. The flu shot is now available in pharmacies, doctors' offices, and grocery stores. The county health department also now offers the flu shots by appointment only at The Mount Vernon District Office — 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria in addition to locations in Fairfax and Reston. The vaccine offered by the health department protects against 4 different strains of the flu and is preservative and latex free.

In addition to our efforts to combat Covid-19 there are a number of other persistent issues that require the Board's attention. Last month the Board adopted a board matter that I led to create a litter task force focused on the ongoing effort to prevent litter in our community. This task force will study the causes of litter in Fairfax County, evaluate our current policies and procedures, and investigate neighboring or similar jurisdictions to Fairfax County for proven solutions - such as a plastic bag ordinance. This is essential in meeting our environmental goal. This board matter passed unanimously, and I look forward to providing updates as we get them.

I am also delighted to announce we recently received an update on our previous joint board matter with Supervisor Walter Alcorn on 9-1-1 diversion. In that board matter we asked the county to review our 911 dispatch and response system to enhance our Diversion First strategies by implementing systems for the deployment of trained unarmed medical, human services, and mental health professionals in instances where mental and behavioral health are the principal reason for the call. In the most recent Public Safety Committee meeting we were informed that the county would be launching a micro-pilot program to imbed specialized staff in 911 call centers to study strategies for improving and modernizing operations. This workgroup will provide another update in the next public safety committee meeting. You can watch the presentation and full public committee meeting [Here](#).

I look forward to working with you as we navigate this unprecedented year. As always if you need any additional information or clarification don't hesitate to contact my office at 703-971-6262 or at leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov.

It's Time to Pay Your SCA Membership Dues!

The Springfield Civic Association would like to remind its members that dues for the 2020-2021 program year are due **NOW**. The funds raised from dues go directly to help support the SCA and its programs which directly benefit our community. One of the SCA's goals is to bring people together and encourage them to be active in community affairs. We advocate for our community's interests and concerns through local government and other entities.

If you've already renewed your SCA membership for this year, 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 send a check to SCA, P.O. Box 842, Springfield, VA 22150 or visit our website at springfieldcivic.org and click on the **PayPal** button. Dues are \$15 per household.

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The History of Springfield, Virginia

Springfield historian Robyn Carter has graciously agreed to write several articles about the history of Springfield in honor of Springfield's anniversary year, 2021. Robyn is the authority on all things Springfield! Thanks Robyn for sharing your expertise with us!

Springfield and How It Came To Be. Pt. 2 – Crestwood's Springfield Subdivision

Following Carr Incorporated's five year struggle to bring utility services to the Springfield area (1946 to 1951) and after Crestwood Construction Corporation agreed to pay Carr the (then) staggering sum of \$865,454.00 for 593 acres of the Springfield property on April 9, 1951...land for the early sections of what became "Crestwood's Springfield" began to be cleared in September of that year and ground was broken for the thirteen model homes that December. Crestwood Construction was a relatively new entity when they purchased the acreage from Carr, Inc., but they were hardly novices in the art of home building. Coincidentally the corporation was started in December 1946, the same time when Mr. Carr had purchased the 2,300 acres mentioned in the previous article in the September issue.



Who would think that the Philippine island of Samar would have any connection to a subdivision in Springfield, VA but it does indeed. Before starting Crestwood Construction, the two principle partners, E. Carl Hengen and Bernard Steinberg had met while both were serving as Seabees in the 64th Naval Battalion during the latter half of World War 2 on that island. While toiling in the hot humid climate, the two men, along with a very important later partner, Roger Hildee, decided that, upon their release from service, they would turn their considerable talents in building military housing to home building in the Washington DC area. Their decision was a wise one since the combination of The Great Depression, the rationing and recruitment of manpower during World War 2 all led to a severe nationwide lack of housing. In particular the problem was acute around the Washington DC

area where returning Vets and their families were beginning to take advantage of new jobs with The Federal Government or the continuance of their military careers at bases in our area. Prior to the war, Hengen had already established himself in the masonry business in Northern Virginia after relocating from his native Pennsylvania in the 1930s. Steinberg was a native of New York City and relocated to the DC area in November of 1946. The two incorporated the firm with Steinberg as the President, Hengen as Secretary and Hengen's wife Verna initially named as Vice President. Mr. Steinburg's role was in the administrative and financial aspect of the company while Mr. Hengen was the head of construction. From all known information up to this point, Mrs. Hengen's role was basically in name only. They broke ground for their first home at 1505 Crestwood Dr. in Alexandria, VA on Christmas Eve of 1946 and it is assumed that they named the company for the existing named street they began on. Over the course of the years leading up to their enormous and most ambitious Springfield project, they were responsible for building many subdivisions in Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church. A few of these were Oakwood, Sycamore Gardens, Pinehurst, Parkhaven, and Glen Carlyle. Two of the home styles that they built in those subdivisions were significant to Springfield. They were the basement rambler that became known as "The Chesterfield" and a two-story Colonial called "The Fairfax". Other names were given those models in the previous developments but they were so popular that they were carried over and added to some new designs to create the seven basic models with 27 different elevations that made up the early sections of Crestwood's Springfield. (continued on pg. 7)

THE RIGHT HOME

THE RIGHT PLACE

THE RIGHT PRICE

E. Carl Hengen and Bernard Steinberg of Arlington's CRESTWOOD Construction Corporation are two of the best known names in Virginia building. The name CRESTWOOD on a home marks it as quality construction. Many recently constructed CRESTWOOD homes have been resold for as much as \$2500 above the original purchase price.

The corporation's basic building theme is to give quality construction at low prices. This is possible because the builders are one of the leading exponents of site assembly methods and modern construction techniques. The lumber that goes into one of their homes, for example, is not cut by guesswork. Expert carpenters pre-cut the pieces for each house on special jigs built on the site, and deliver them bundled to each house. CRESTWOOD maintains its own plumbing shop on the site, has its own engineers and architects, and when building at capacity may have as many as 500 men on the job at one time, each specially trained in his skill.

The SPRINGFIELD development, with its opportunities for large scale building, offers the corporation a challenge to bring its methods into full operation and build a better house at well below current market prices. This site assembly technique in no way leads to the usual stereotyped "development house", for CRESTWOOD architects have worked overtime to bring you seven basic houses with no less than 28 different exterior elevations. CRESTWOOD'S goal is to bring you the right home in the right place at the right price.

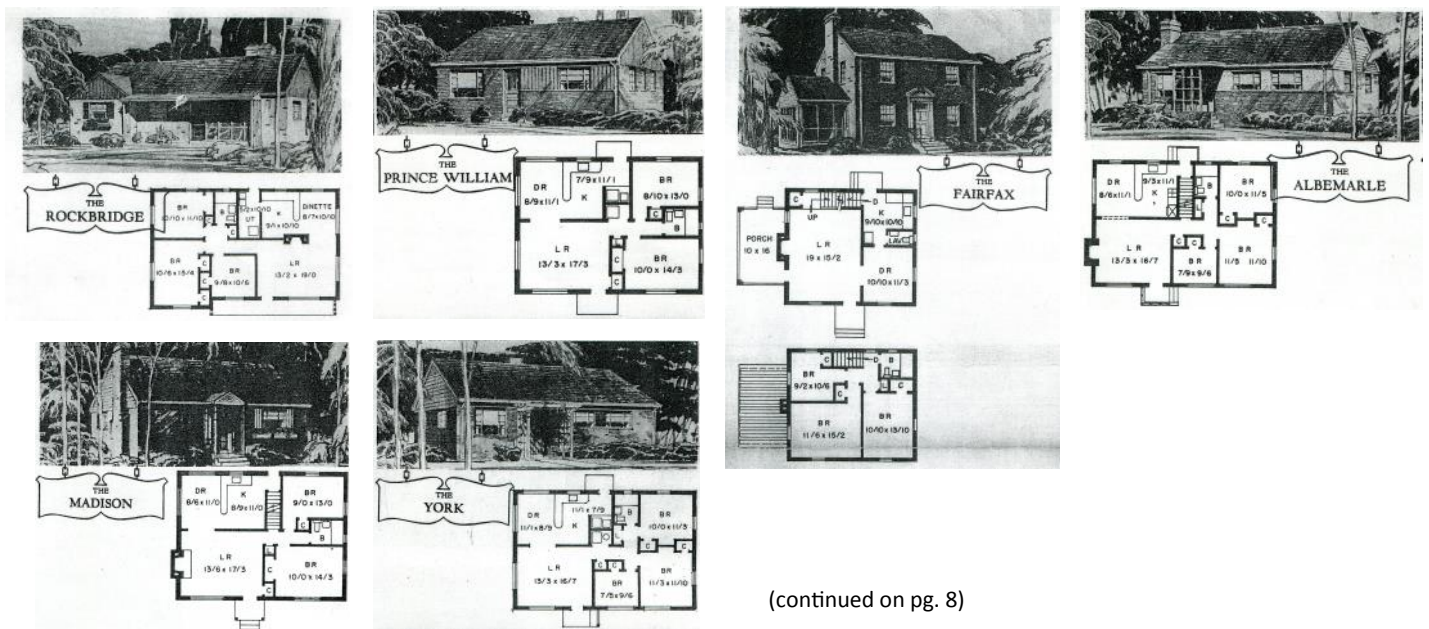
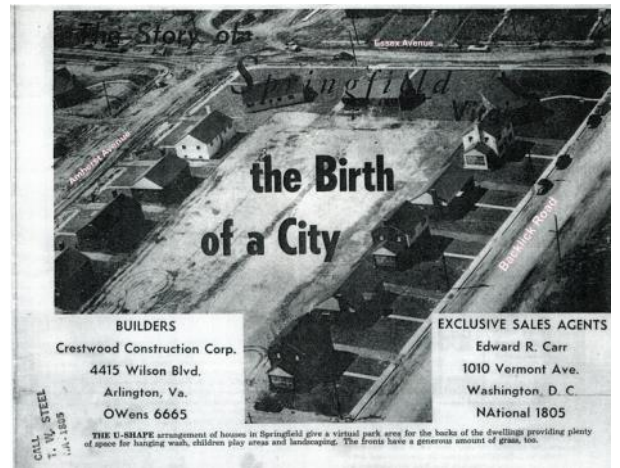
THE CHESTERFIELD

THE CHESTERFIELD is one of the most popular homes ever to come off Crestwood's drawing boards. This 45 foot, three bedroom rambler features a full basement with a washing machine. The Chesterfield comes in six exterior elevations. Crestwood's unique formica-topped service bar between kitchen and dining room is incorporated into the design. Fireplace is located at end of large living room. Completely equipped kitchen contains a garbage disposal unit. Conveniently reached storage attic.

SPRINGFIELD

The History of Springfield, VA (cont'd)

The original group of 13 model homes is still visible in the block surrounded by Backlick Rd, Essex Ave, Amherst Ave and the (later, 1954-built) first apartment units along Cumberland Ave. That is with the exception of a one-off home at the southeast corner of Essex & Amherst that has (from a historical perspective) sadly been destroyed and replaced some years ago. It was the original sales office while also serving as a model home. The model, known as "The Rockbridge" was a sister-design to the popular "Chesterfield" in that they were the same with the following exceptions. Unlike the Chesterfield, the Rockbridge had no basement, did have a shallow front porch overhang, had a large window wall in the front of the living room and the position of the fireplace was changed from the end wall to a center location between the living room and kitchen (similar to what the later Virginian rambler had). The end wall of the living room had a matching window to the one adjacent to it in the dining area. The space normally used for the basement and attic stairways was used for the furnace, water heater and washing machine with the kitchen being slightly smaller than usual. The offerings in the brochure ran from the lowest price, basement-less, two bedroom "Prince William" to the top of the line Chesterfield and Fairfax models at between \$17,600 to \$17,950 (depending on options chosen). In reality the model homes did not include the Prince William or the York models shown in the brochure and no evidence shows that any of those two were ever ordered or built. Behind the Chesterfield rambler and the Fairfax, the most popular designs were The Albemarle and The Madison (as shown in the brochure images included here). It was reported that around 1,000 visitors a week were coming out to inspect the model homes and gather information not only on the new Crestwood subdivision but also the planned Springfield community that would soon grow around it. Due to a Korean War restriction buyers were required to put down 20% which was substantial at the time but thankfully those were relaxed in 1953. The models were opened for inspection in February 1952 and soon after the new community was drawing not only local DC area coverage but national recognition as well thanks to two widespread publications that came to see, write about and photograph the community in its first throes of development. The magazines, "Popular Builder" and "Living For Young Homemakers" did spreads in their August 1952 issues and the Chesterfield model at 6100 Backlick was chosen as a "Home of '52" by The Washington Post for its huge annual home show that had run since the first one in 1947. Cross merchandising was accomplished with tie ins between the Crestwood homes and links with the now defunct Woodward & Lothrop department store chain who had one of their designers decorate the home at 6100 for their ads and in photos in the "Living For Young Homemakers" feature. Another former retailer Barnes & Kimel supplied the furnishings for some of the other models. These tie-ins were a huge success for both the house sales and the companies that decorated them.



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The History of Springfield, VA (cont'd)

As 1953 approached and the subdivision was moving further westward, it was determined that the hillier terrain on the west side of Hanover Ave might be better suited for the introduction of a new model that took advantage of the sloping property and a newer entry level model might do well to replace the mid to low priced offerings of The Albemarle and The Madison. After a visit to a large New York home show, the Crestwood designers came home with the plans that were tweaked slightly to become the famous Crestwood Split Levels that were to prove popular in various versions for the next 18 years in ever expanding Crestwood built subdivisions all over Fairfax County. At the same time, the plans for the locally famous "Virginian" ramblers were copied almost identically from the designs used by the huge nationally known "Levittown" community on Long Island. What was there, known as "The Levittowner" was converted from frame to brick construction and a solid wall (versus a folding panel wall) between the living room and the smallest of its three bedrooms. Although they lacked the popular basement of the Albemarle and the Madison, the storage/utility room at the back of the carport and the increase in the number and size of the closets helped to solve the storage issues in those more modest times when it came to what families had as far as physical possessions. In March of 1954, the popular Chesterfield grew slightly and was re-christened "The Crestwood Rambler" gaining 20 square foot of space in the 3rd bedroom in the front of the house and a porch roof over the front stoop. Otherwise the floor plan was identical. Later in 1955 as the development moved further into the hillier area down near the end of Essex Ave, that plan was further adjusted to create the two-story with a lower level front entry and garage model called "The Suburban" of which less than 30 were completed before the last stages of what was officially Crestwood's Springfield was completed. It is important to note that in 1958, Crestwood Construction came back into production at the north western end of the community and built what was then called "Highland Park" which had the same split levels and Virginians and a 1956 designed "New Crestwood Rambler" that had been introduced in the "Crestwood Park" section of the huge North Springfield community that had been started in early 1955.

The testament to the quality and solidity of the Crestwood built homes lies in the fact that, when allowed, they have stood the test of time, providing modest sized, pleasantly styled homes that have provided great housing for thousands of families over the last 68 years since the first ones were occupied by their original owners. Those original owners have come to be known as "Springfield Pioneers" to those of us who know just how rudimentary their lives were in those early days before the infrastructure of shopping centers, churches, schools and other facilities we take for granted today existed. I will be covering some information about the realities of those early homeowners along with details on the other early subdivisions in future editions of The Springfield Reporter.

In closing, I congratulate all the current homeowners in Crestwood's Springfield because each of you own a very important part of Springfield's history and I hope you are proud of each of your houses from which the entire success of Springfield's early growth blossomed. On a personal note, it is because of my connection to and love of a certain Chesterfield rambler along Backlick Rd that I began my work in researching, documenting and archiving the history of Springfield and in The Crestwood Construction Corporation, from it's beginning to when it officially closed in the late 1980s. Until next time, Ye Olde Historian wishes you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season as we gear up for the two major anniversaries for Springfield in 2021!

Boy Scout Troop 856 Food Drive

Boy Scout Troop 856 will be collecting food donations for ECHO on Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Springfield United Methodist Church's parking lot (corner of Spring Road & Old Keene Mill Road.) All non-perishable food is needed, especially canned meats, jelly, spaghetti sauce, dried beans and pancake syrup. Thank you for supporting the Boy Scouts' Scouting For Food Program and ECHO!



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ECHO

Jingle Bells! Despite the challenges of 2020, Thanksgiving and Christmas are still on the calendar! More than ever, ECHO wants to spread joy! ECHO is aware of many families who would welcome the gift of groceries for a holiday meal at Thanksgiving or Christmas, and we can arrange for you to make that special gift. For the safety of all, we are urging that donors mail grocery gift cards instead of delivering bags of food. If you would like to help a family have a festive meal, contact holidayfoodprograms@echo-inc.org for information on how to contact a specific family. ECHO's Holiday gift program for children will have some changes, too. Volunteers will pack age-appropriate toys to give to client families rather than have moms or dads come to ECHO to choose toys. Donations of new toys (not gift-wrapped) are welcomed at ECHO's Donation Door through December 7. For a list of suggested gifts, see <https://www.echo-inc.org/holiday-programs>.

ECHO's Food Pantry continues to have overwhelming requests for food. Greatest needs right now are canned meats, jelly, spaghetti sauce, dried beans, pancake syrup, dishwashing liquid, band-aids, shaving cream and deodorant. The Clothing Room needs children's winter clothes (no summer things, please), boy's winter coats from small up through Men's medium sizes for larger children. Though ECHO has distributed 1100 backpacks full of school supplies, there are still some requests to fill. The Backpack Program needs primary writing tablets, construction paper, drawing tablets and red-ink pens. ECHO, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, is open to accept donations on weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00.

There are new ways to help ECHO if you are shopping online. You can now order urgently needed food or clothing items from ECHO's Amazon Wishlist and have them delivered directly to ECHO. The easiest way to access the list is to go to www.echo-inc.org. Click on "Donate Goods" and choose "Wishlist on Amazon." Another click on the highlighted link will open a list that will change as needs are updated throughout the year. For the holiday season, there is a separate Amazon Wishlist for children's gift items. Because it is difficult to search for the link on the Amazon site, the best way to find it is to go to ECHO's homepage and click the link for "ECHO Holiday Wishlist." Joining Amazon Smile and designating ECHO as the recipient of a percentage of your online purchases is a further way to support ECHO's work in our community.

Food Drives continue to be essential in maintaining our food distribution operation. If it is not convenient for you to bring food to ECHO during the hours of operation, please see ECHO's homepage for details of local drives. The Boy Scout's "**Scouting for Food**" has always been a major source for ECHO, supplying our pantry with weeks, if not months of non-perishable foods. Please support the hard work of the Scouts and Leaders by donating food to be picked up on **November 14**. Also, the West Springfield District Police Station will hold a food drive for ECHO on Saturday morning, November 7 from 8:30-12:30 at the Burke Safeway, 9596 Old Keene Mill Road. For the last 26 years, there has been a local CROP Hunger Walk to benefit the projects of Church World Service (CWS). CWS shares 25% of proceeds raised by a local walk with local hunger organizations, and ECHO has benefited annually from this sharing. This year's walk will be "virtual," meaning that the normal group of 300+ people will not gather to walk together. However, people may sign up and walk alone or in a small group, or simply support the Burke/Fairfax Walk with an online donation. The need is greater than ever. You can find out more at www.crophungerwalk.org/burkeva.

Due to the pandemic, ECHO was unable to hold either of its semi-annual Yard Sales in 2020, thereby losing a large source of income that supports our work. We look forward to resuming this popular and fun treasure hunt in the future. If you would like to make a financial donation to ECHO, find information on our website at <https://www.echo-inc.org/sample-page-2/donating-money>.

Upcoming Dates to Note

November 7 - Closed - No Saturday openings until further notice
 November 7 - West Spfld Police Food Drive, Burke 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
 November 11 - Closed for Veterans Day
 November 14 - Scouting for Food Drive by Boy Scouts
 November 15 - Virtual CROP Walk
 November 16 - Bd of Dir Meeting by teleconference, 7:30
 November 26 -27 Closed for Thanksgiving
 December 2 - 11 Holiday gift distribution



From Cpt. Greg Fried, Commander, Franconia District Police Station



Dear Franconia Community,

With Veterans Day upon us, I wanted to say on behalf of the sworn, professional and volunteer peronnel of the Franconia District Station—Thank you to all of our Veterans and their families! That sacrifice, past and present, of our service members, are remarkable, and we honor your service.

Also, to the Veterans of the Fairfax County Police Department—Thank you for your service! It is a privilege to work along side of you each day and learn from your experiences. We owe you all a tremendous debt of gratitude.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy November.

Sincerely,

Greg

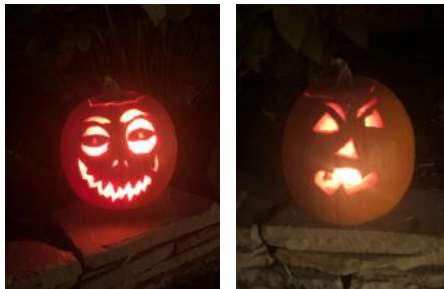
Gregory R. Fried, Captain
Commander, Franconia District Station

Winners of the Halloween House Decorating Contest

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Halloween House Decorating Contest. We had fewer entries compared to last year--thanks 2020--but, we still had fun and saw some scary sights! Also, a big thank you to Mike Slater who organized this year's contest. Great job, Mike!

And the winners are:

Best Pumpkin—Craig St.



Most Creative— Highland St.



Best Doorway—Clearbrook Dr.



Judges Favorite—Craig St.



Scariest Home—Grayson St.



Congratulations to all the winners!

Richard Byrd Library Happenings

We are happy to be serving the public again! We are open for Express Services offering customers the opportunity to visit the library for 30 minutes a day to look for books and other materials, pick up items on hold, use the computers or copy and print documents. Our daily Friends of the Library book sale continues in the lobby. We are also offering Curbside Services for holds pickup for customers who would prefer not to enter the building.

We are grateful to the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library who generously purchased masks with clear panels for all staff members to help us to better communicate with those who are hearing impaired. It has been nice to be able to let people see our smiles, too.



Our Youth Services Staff has been busy creating way to engage with our youngest customers with interactive games and activities. In October, we had a Make and Take Engineering kit for kids to build at home, a guessing activity to win a container of pony beads, a book character scavenger hunt and we got out the vote, with an election between cats and dogs! Winner still to be decided!

November brings Make & Take Turkey kits, a guessing game with feathers and an indoor obstacle course, the non-running kind, of course! We will also be hosting a Sleepover Camp for Paper Teddy Bears! Games and activities change monthly so the fun never ends.





**Ages
3-6**

Paper Teddy Bear Sleepover Camp

- 1

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 or call the library at 703-451-8055
- 2

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 Monday Nov 9-Saturday Nov 14
- 3

 Have fun decorating your bear and return
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- 4

 Look for photos of your bear on
 Richard Byrd Friends of the Library social media sites
- 5

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The library offers many digital programs on everything from trivia to crafts. Richard Byrd staff member, Anne Sinclair, hosts a weekly crocheting program via Zoom. To sign up for Anne's program or register for the Paper Teddy Bear Sleepover or many other programs please go to the library's event page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.

For on-demand program videos, be sure to check out the library's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/FairfaxLibrary

Don't miss our quarterly magazine Branch Out, you can get the latest issue in the branch or read it all online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branch-out

Stay safe and take care. We hope to see you in the library again soon!

Valerie Suttee,
Branch Manager



Woman's Club of Springfield

Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.

The Covid 19 pandemic has forced us to become more creative about all aspects of our Club work. We, like every other service group, have been pushed into Zoom meetings and had to find creative ways to support the community.

The Pink Elephant Shop, which is the source of our usual donations, was closed for an extensive amount of time, with rent and utilities still due — and no money coming into the Shop. We had to curtail our donations to various community groups and organizations. This has not stopped our members from making generous donations from their own funds.



Last month when we had our Zoom Membership Meeting, we were pleased to have representatives of Garfield Elementary School present. They informed us of their need for lap desks for their students who are learning virtually from home. Our members shopped for and donated nearly 50 desks to Garfield.

Normally our members contribute a variety of items to Bethany House for its Holiday Shop.

This year, Bethany House is requesting gift cards only, as they will not be holding their Holiday Shop because of Covid 19. Again, our members have stepped up and made donations of gift cards to be taken to Bethany House.



We were also made aware of the need for Food for students and families at Garfield Elementary School. Our members have donated over \$300 in food gift cards that will be taken to the school closer to Thanksgiving.



While we continue to get back on our feet at the Pink Elephant Shop, we encourage you to visit the Shop. We have many wonderful goodies in our little boutique.

We are also happy to announce that we have updated our website...so please visit us at www.womansclubofspringfield.org to learn more about our Club and its activities.



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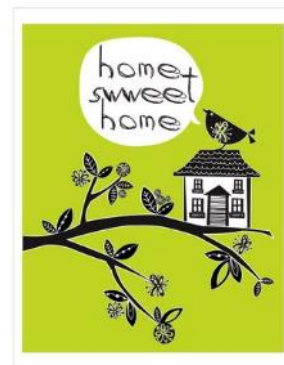
Shared Memories of Springfield

This summer I noticed a couple walking slowly down the sidewalk in front of my house on Lynbrook's Highland Street. While it's not unusual for walkers to stop and look for cats in my yard, this couple was looking at the house. I walked out and asked them if I could help them. The man replied that his wife, Kathy, had grown up in my home! Her parents were the original homeowners in 1955 and lived there until 1976. I invited them inside so she could revisit her childhood memories.

Although our split-level house is undergoing a major addition, she could envision their wall to wall carpeting and how their dog and cat would chase around the circle of living room, dining room, and kitchen. She remembered the small table that was in the kitchen corner, and sharing the small bedroom with her sister. The downstairs bathroom had just been a half bath for her father at the time while she, her mom and two sisters shared the upstairs bath. There was no air conditioning, so they used the carport as a screened sleeping porch in the summers. She noted how the last step of the stairs still curves – "something a child would notice." She and her sisters used to sit on those steps on Christmas morning waiting for the okay to come downstairs, just as my children did on those same steps on Christmas mornings. She remembered playing in the backyard and attending Lynbrook, Key, and what was then Robert E. Lee High School, just as my three children did. Collectively, our two families have occupied the house 49 years. There were two other families in between us.

Kathy looked up at the magnolia tree in the front yard that is taller than the house now, and said, "My father planted that tree." I replied that that beautiful mature tree was one of the reasons my husband and I bought the house 28 years ago. I still climb it every November to put up holiday lights as my gift to my neighbors. She signed my guest book before leaving and I believe we will both treasure that afternoon of reminiscing over what this house has seen over its 65 years. Many things have changed, but for Kathy and me, this home will always hold warm memories of family and place.

~Marta Morrissey



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Friends of Richard Byrd Library Update

Still No Book Donations

No book donations can be received until further notice and no volunteers will be needed until we are up and running again. We promise to keep you updated. Please continue to stay safe and stay well.

Look for our winter "grab bag" curbside book sale during the first week of December!

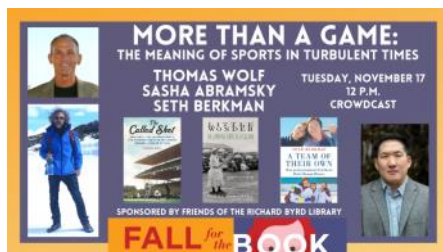
A limited selection of used books is available for purchase in the library foyer...check out the special cart of cookbooks as you prepare for your Thanksgiving celebration!

Richard Byrd Library is open for express (Mon – Tue, 10am – 8pm, Wed – Sat, 10am – 6pm).

2020 Fall for the Book Festival

We know you've had a lot of screen time in the past six months but you'll want to add a bit more for the 2020 Fall for the Book Festival! You can even find something to augment teaching young children from home. The 2020 Festival has gone virtual using the *CrowdCast* platform. Some events are prerecorded, but some events allow participant interaction. Why not listen while you're exercising or doing housework? Get the children involved with assignments and activities! Find the event schedule on the website: <https://fallforthebook.org/2020-festival-events/>

As always, the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library sponsor an event on Tuesday, November 17th: More Than A Game: The Meaning of Sports in Turbulent Times

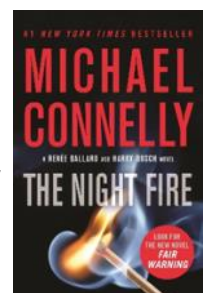


Book Review: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Claudia Moore

Life in the 1930's Kentucky Appalachian hills comes alive as Cussy Mary, or Bluet as she is more accurately known, serves her tiny community as librarian carrying a portion of the small collection to each stop. The reading material is the discards from larger libraries; even much torn magazines are prize finds. Her clients range from those who jump for joy when she and Junia, (her lovingly cantankerous mule), appear down the curved path to clients who are stubborn ne'er-do-wells who see knowledge as a dangerous and time-consuming activity. Some days she rides the full 19 miles of her route. Life is hard for everyone; the mines are working 24 hours a day without any safety regulations; a few farmers are trying to raise crops in very poor soil. The relief measures of the New Deal such as the WPA have begun. but some residents do not want to accept what they see as government charity. An important aspect of the story is racism because Cussy and her father are actually "colored". but not in the traditional sense. Their skin is blue, particularly under stress. The doctor provides tests and they indeed suffer from [methemoglobinemia] a genetic, abnormal hemoglobin condition. Those who listen to the novel will hear a talented narrator with a very appropriate twang as Cussy tells her story. A great choice for bibliophiles and those who want to see life in tiny town America nearly 100 years ago.

Book Review: *The Night Fire* by Judy Perry

A Michael Connelly thriller featuring junior detective Renee Ballard and retired veteran detective, now private investigator Harry Bosch, with a small role for defense attorney Mickey Haller (*The Lincoln Lawyer*). Bosch has become a favorite of mine as I've listened to several audiobooks in the series (available for checkout on Libby). It's a fast-moving plot as Bosch works to solve a nearly 20-year-old cold case of a young man murdered in an alley known for drug deals. The case file is discovered in the home office of his long retired but recently deceased mentor. Why was this case file at the mentor's home for all those years? Why did no one else look for it? Doesn't his family deserve answers? (continued on pg. 15)



Friends of Robert Byrd Library Update (Cont'd)

Bosch is also working with Haller in defense of an accused murderer. In the meantime, Ballard is working an arson case with a homeless victim...or is there something more? Can't say more or the story will all be spoiled!

The character development continues but it's an easy read even if you don't already know the back stories. Bosch and Ballard are both independent sleuths battling their own individual torments with professional relationships but they join forces and once again form an indefatigable investigative team. The truth is all that matters. "Everybody counts or nobody counts." Definitely worth the read if you like a good crime drama.

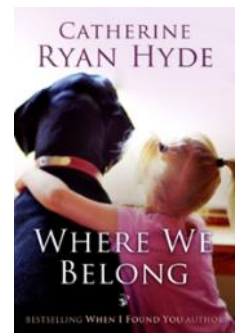
Book Review: *Cilka's Journey* by Claudia Moore



Cilka Klein was significantly challenged by key events in the 20th century. As a 16-year-old Czech Jew, she was taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau prison by the Nazis. The Soviets did not bring freedom to her in 1945. Because camp records (in the novel) imply that she was a paid prostitute for the German camp officials, she was seen as an enemy of the Soviet state and was sent to Siberia for at least 10 years in a Gulag prison. The bulk of the story is that era, but there are frequent flashbacks as she remembers events of the Nazi occupation. The Nazis goal was to kill the enemies; the Soviets wanted work from them and would let the weather kill them. The scenes in Germany are written in italics so are easy to separate from the present tense. The plot is easy to understand; the author, Heather Morris, is proficient in moving the plot forward with dialog although there is not quite as much as in her first novel *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*. Cilka's previous life in the concentration camp strengthened her resolve to survive that of the Soviets'. The descriptions can be emotionally challenging. It was the discussions with Lale Sokolov [presented in *The Tattooist*] which made Morris wish to present a more detailed but fictionalized life of this amazing lady, Cilka Klein.

Book Review: *Where We Belong* by Claudia Moore

Angie, a mature 14-year-old, realizes that she, her mother, and little sister Sophie, will be homeless again and again. The family is trying to cope with the death of the father and the reality that Sophie, who tests significantly on the autism spectrum, shrieks loudly and constantly when she is unhappy. Then the neighbors complain and call the police. The screams reduce and stop when she meets Rigby, a black Great Dane, who lives next door. Just the sight of Rigby calms her. Angie is a conscientious big sister who takes responsibility to help raise Sophie. What will happen to the family when Rigby's owner moves? The author, Catherine Ryan Hyde frequently presents a story highlighting a societal challenge. In this case it is the tests faced in a single parent family while raising a child with autism. Brave Angie speaks her mind and makes family decisions as her immature; forever grieving, mother is unable to cope with reality. The role of unexpected friendships develops slowly, realistically. The reader feels sorry for Angie who does not have any friends her own age and is frustrated by her usually helpless mother. This story will bring forth both tears and smiles.



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Inova Announces Plans for New Hospital in Springfield

Inova Health System has acquired more land near its Springfield HealthPlex, growing the footprint of a new hospital campus it intends to build there and sealing the fate of a mixed-use development the former owner had long-planned for the site. The latest deal of 8.8 acres on top of about 4.1 acres purchased in January adds to land Inova already owns there, forming a combined 21-acre property where it plans to construct a new acute-care facility adjacent to the existing HealthPlex.

Springfield Art Guild (SAG)



PLEASE JOIN THE SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD FOR ITS VIRTUAL 2020-2021 GUEST SPEAKER SERIES!!

NOV 11th and DEC 9th

**We're still going to have our Monthly meetings on
the 2nd Wed of the month starting at 7pm via Zoom**

Virtual Monthly Meetings: SAG will be bringing our meetings to our members and community via Zoom. SAG's board is lining up great Guest Speakers who will bring their art into your homes until we can meet in person again.

6:45PM: Zoom "doors" open - Please make sure to join us before 7PM

7:00PM: Mary Rose Janya, Nov Acting Pres will conduct a short business meeting

**** Immediately following conclusion of business meeting, the guest speaker will begin her presentation**

Zoom: If you don't have an account you can sign up for **FREE** at <https://zoom.us/>. If you haven't participated in a Zoom meeting, it's really easy on your computers or tablets. Please contact Elaine Sevy, SAG board member at Yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com for the Zoom link to our programs.

Our Guest Speaker for Nov 11 is Watercolor Artist and Instructor Marni Maree

Marni Maree is an award winning artist whose vibrant colors are used in watercolors, oils, and sketches. She teaches a variety of art classes at the Workhouse Arts Center and other venues in Northern Virginia. You don't want to miss a great evening of **HAVE NO FEAR DRAWING** with Marni Maree. Marni believes that everyone CAN learn to draw...it just takes practice. And if the practice is fun, you will be more likely to do it!

Materials: Paper and pen or marker. You will get to add color too, either at the meeting or later. If you would like to use paints, be sure to use the correct surface for your drawing (watercolor paper or canvas, etc).

To learn more about Marni, visit her webpage at <https://marnimaree.com/>



Our Guest Speaker for Dec 9 is Fiber Artist, Award-Winning Quilter and Certified Zentangle Teacher Marisela Rumberg



She is an instructor at Glen Echo Park and at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA, where she is a member of the Studio Fiber Arts co-op. She is also part of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center and The Loft Gallery.

She finds inspiration for her art in nature and the history, legends, traditions and stories of her native Mexico; she also enjoys Zentangle abstract art. Her work has been exhibited at several venues in the US including the Houston International Quilt show, and around the world in Mexico, Brazil, France, England and Russia. Learn more about her and her work at www.MariselaRumberg.com.

SAG does not know when Grace Church will be reopening or we will be able to have in-person meetings or events. The board is working on ideas and events to inspire all of our members and guests to continue their art through online meetings, our newsletter, our new website at www.springfieldartguild.org, Facebook and online events as we explore ways to inspire your creativity.

Trails For Youth

SCA supports TrailsforYouth.Org and SCA Youth at Brookfield Park

Thanksgiving is soon upon us and even in tough times, TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) has lots to be thankful for, starting with the Springfield Civic Association (SCA) and our community. The SCA has been with us for the last two decades, as we helped youth in our community overcome obstacles on the trail and in life. They supported us when we first approached the County about building the bicycle pump track in Brookfield Park. It has become an amazing resource, especially during the quarantine and throughout the summer and early fall months. Brookfield Park bicycle pump track was used heavily by local families as an ideal space for safe outdoor recreation. It provides ample space to spread out in a controlled but fun environment for youth (and adults) to play in. TYO was able to use this space to introduce new families to the joys and health benefits of biking. TYO has submitted a proposal to the Park Authority to enhance the cycling opportunities at Brookfield Park with a small trail around the perimeter of the current bicycle track that will consist of professionally built skills stations that will provide additional opportunities for local families to have fun. We hope to see many of you out there next spring, if not sooner.

We are also grateful for the wonderful community we live in and support. So much has changed in this time of COVID. TYO had to go indoors and virtual, something new to a group of outdoors people. But the kids, volunteers, and members of the TYO community rallied around us and put together an amazing series of educational and fun videos for all to see, many featuring and narrated by local youth and young adults, telling their own and other children's stories over the last two decades. We ended the video series with a fun awards show, with deserving youth winning a TYO Rock-Star award and gift card. One parent told us how nice our efforts were and that the gift card was especially meaningful in this time when their (and many) families are struggling. You can catch all the videos and awards show on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.org>. Follow us and the local children as we engage in even more wonderful adventures in 2021.

In the meantime, we hope you all have a joyous and healthy holiday season. If you have any questions, please email Julie Childers at Julie@trailsforyouth.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.org to keep updated on our programs.



Happy 99th Birthday!!

Springfield resident Marion Frieswyk celebrated her 99th birthday September 17, 2020. She celebrated by having a socially distanced neighborhood get-together on her patio where neighbors sang “Happy Birthday” to her and enjoyed cupcakes.

A native of Hamiton, NY, she lived in Maryland until 1997 when she moved to Springfield.

Marion has recently been recognized for her work in the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) during WWII. She left Clark University’s graduate school in 1942 to join the newly formed OSS Cartography (map making) Division in Washington, DC. Her future husband, Henry Frieswyk, also left Clark and joined the same division. They worked at OSS until the end of the war, transferring to the State Department and eventually to CIA in 1947.



When the current CIA Cartography Center was celebrating its 75th anniversary, it was discovered that Marion was the only original member of the OSS division still living. She was honored as the “first female intelligence cartographer” at the CIA headquarters building with a full day of activities and was the star attraction at the formal 75th anniversary reception held in the afternoon.

Marion has since been featured in several books about women in cartography and has been the subject of several newspaper articles published in the Washington Post and the New York Times. She was recently interviewed as part of a documentary titled “The Global Reach of the OSS”.

If you would like to read about Marion’s story, go to <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2016-featured-story-archive/first-female-intel-cartographer.html>



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Potomac River Run & Walk

The Holidays are Almost Here! Give the Gift of Walking/Running!

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Gift Ideas

Shopping for the runner/walker in your life is easy because there are so many different options! Here are a few ideas:

Gift Card: Not sure what size your loved one wears or what exactly they want? A gift card is a perfect option. Let them know that they can come in for a one-on-one gait (running/walking form) analysis and use their gift card to find a pair of shoes that works for their feet.

Winter Apparel and Accessories: As the weather gets colder and colder, the runner/walker in your life will appreciate receiving some warm gear so that they can continue exercising outside. Jackets, pants, vests, hats, and gloves are all great gift items.

Hypervolt: This revolutionary product is a percussive massage device. It helps runners and walkers alike by allowing their muscles to loosen up and recover quicker.

Stocking Stuffers: Looking for some small gifts to put in stockings? Accessories like socks, nutritionals, Buff headbands, Goodr sunglasses, performance face masks, and Nathan visibility items are great small gifts that your runner/walker loved ones will greatly appreciate.

Different Ways to Shop

Holiday shopping in 2020 looks a little bit different than usual! The goal is for each shopper to feel safe shopping in their own way. At Potomac River Running we offer many different shopping options:

In-store: Come visit us at any of our 9 locations for a wide variety of gift items and shopping help from our expert staff.

Online: All of our products are available to order 24/7 on our website. We provide free shipping on orders over \$35 and free mail returns.

Phone Order: If you know which items you want to purchase, you can call any one of our stores and place your order/pay securely ahead of time. Come pick up your product in-store, curbside, or we can ship it to your home.

Curbside: Place an order over the phone and pay securely ahead of time. Let us know that you would like to do curbside pickup. Call or text us when you arrive and one of our staff will bring your items out to your car.

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It's never too early to start holiday shopping. Visit us at our Springfield location at 7289 Commerce Street or any one of our 8 other locations. Shop online 24/7 at potomacriverrunning.com/store. We look forward to helping you find the perfect gifts for all the runners and walkers on your list!

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SCA General Membership Meeting

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National Museum of the United States Army

The U.S. Army plans to open the National Museum of the United States Army on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020. Building construction and exhibit installations are now complete, and the museum is ready to open its doors to the public for the first time.

The National Museum of the U.S. Army, located on a publicly accessible area of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, will be the first and only museum to tell the entire history of the U.S. Army since its establishment in 1775.

“The U.S. Army and the American Soldier forged the birth of our nation,” said Secretary of the Army, Ryan D. McCarthy. “The National Army Museum will be a place for members of the total Army family to gather and share their stories, while also creating an opportunity for visitors to connect with our nation’s history through the eyes and voices of individual Soldiers.”



The museum will open with enhanced health and safety measures for visitors. Free, timed-entry tickets are required to manage visitor capacity and provide an optimal experience to visitors.

The opening will be preceded by a small ceremony that will be livestreamed to encourage people around the world to participate in this historic moment. A link to the livestream will be posted on the museum’s website and social channels as soon as it’s available. For more information, please visit <http://www.theNMUSA.org>.



News from American Legion Post 176

**American Legion
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**Classic Christmas
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**With
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Christmas Music

**Sing Along
and
Fabulous Holiday Dinner**

December 11, 2020



\$15.00



COMMUNITY WELCOME



PO Box 842
Springfield, VA 22150

November Meeting

November 17, 2020

7:30 pm via ZOOM

Instructions to Follow

Topic:

An Evening With

Evan Braff

Regional Manager,

Fairfax County

Neighborhood and

Community Services

PLEASE JOIN US!



The Springfield Civic Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to:

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

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

Join SCA

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

- ☐ Join SCA ☐ Renew my membership ☐ Add or change contact information
☐ Add me to the email list, I will join later (**email list is FREE**)

Name(s)

Address

Phone

Email

By providing your email address, you agree to receive the newsletter and monthly updates by email.