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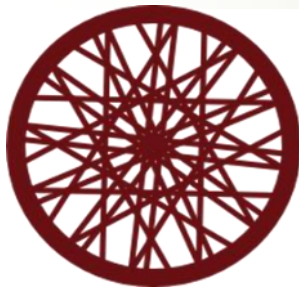
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Greetings!

This has been an action-packed year for the SCA and our community! At our general membership meetings, we commemorated Crestwood's beginnings, celebrated our original homeowners (one of whom turned 100 in 2021!) with the help of the Mount Vernon Community Band, learned more about mental health from the ConnerStrong Foundation and resources available in Fairfax County, heard from Franconia Police Station Captain James Krause and Dr. Noah Fritz (Director, Office of Data Analytics & Strategic Initiatives) on the latest police initiatives, and were updated on the dredging of Lake Accotink and dewatering options by Charles Smith, Chief, Watershed Projects Implementation Branch. The SCA community has been represented at every Lee District Land Use meeting, focusing especially on the Brandon Avenue Self-Storage Facility. It has been in conversations with the Fairfax County revitalization folks as well as the Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. Members of the SCA Board have met with Supervisor Lusk quarterly to discuss the gamut of topics with special emphasis on how to bring a new vitality and look to central Springfield. These are just some of the activities with which the SCA has been involved.



Please feel free to email the SCA Board members at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com with your ideas... especially about programs for next year's meetings, starting in September 2022.



In May 2022, 7 News on Your Side is expected to air a presentation put together by Jay Korff on the dredging and dewatering of Lake Accotink project. The SCA will share the date and time when it is announced.

(Photo: SCA President Gail Nittle being interviewed by Jay Korff of 7 News on Your Side)

As our 2021-22 SCA year comes to a close, we hope you'll join us for our May membership meeting on the lawn of the Frieswyk home on Tuesday, **May 17th at 6:30 pm**. (Directions on Pg. 3.) There will be tables and chairs but if you'd like to bring your favorite lawn chair, please

do. The election by SCA members of a slate of officers for next year will be the main order of business. Thanks go to Marta Morrissey who is stepping down after three years as Secretary to focus solely on being the SCA Land Use Representation and to Kim Jordan who served this past year as a Director at Large. Replacing them on the slate are Peggy Woods-Clark (Secretary) and Neema Ngumbau (Director at Large).

Following the business meeting, there will be an opportunity to visit with representatives from local organizations such as Trails for Youth, the Springfield Acres Garden Club, and ECHO to mention just a few. If you would like to support ECHO, visit the ECHO website <https://www.echo-inc.org/needed-right-now> and bring any of the items listed there to the SCA May meeting. Desserts provided by the SCA Board and a social time finish out the evening! Come and join us!

Looking forward to seeing you on May 17th at 6:30 pm at the Frieswyk home.

~Gail

May Meeting
May 17, 2022
6:30pm

Topics:
Election of Officers

Social Time and
Visiting with
Representatives from
Local Organizations

Desserts Galore!

Supervisor Lusk Update

Dear Springfield Civic Association Members,

On Saturday, May 7th, the County hosted a ribbon cutting for the New Lee District Community Center located at 7950 Audubon Ave in Alexandria. The community center will have family-friendly recreation, youth programs, and the Workforce Innovation Skills Hub (W.I.S.H). The W.I.S.H. will provide residents with training and job placement in the building trades and in-demand tech jobs. Melwood and Building Momentum, two organizations with successful job training experience, will operate the W.I.S.H. Along with our operators, partnerships are in place with regional employers, including Amazon, Dominion Energy, George Mason University, and Inova Health System.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending classes or supporting the Workforce Innovation and Skills Hub, please contact our office. To learn more, please visit <https://bit.ly/ournewcenter>.

Also, thank you to those who donated coats, blankets, socks, and gloves for Ukrainian refugees. My office served as a drop-off site and received over eighty bags of donated items! Thanks to the efforts of the community, Fairfax County and our regional partners donated over fifty-five thousand pounds of materials which was enough to fill six tractor trailers.



Last, I'm pleased with the progress on the Fiscal Year 2023 County budget. As you may know, the pandemic has caused car and truck values to increase on average by 33%. In response, for the first time in County history, the Board of Supervisors approved assessing vehicles at only 85% of their market value rather than the standard 100%. This action will provide almost \$98 million in tax relief for vehicle owners.

Vehicle owners will see the 15% assessment reduction automatically incorporated into their personal property tax bills that will be mailed in July. Because this relief will already be applied, taxpayers won't see a separate line on their bill that shows the reduction. I also encourage all eligible seniors and people with disabilities to apply for personal property tax relief. To qualify, residents must meet income and net worth limits with a \$75,000 cap on total net assets as of Dec. 31, 2021. Please reach out to my office if you would like assistance filling out the tax relief application.

I am also pleased to share that in the most recent budget mark-up, the Board proposed, and I supported, a reduction of 3 cents on the real estate tax rate, which would result in approximately \$90 million in savings for homeowners in the County. In addition, the FY 23 Budget fully funds our Fairfax County Public Schools and provides an additional \$6.1 million to address public safety recruitment, retainment, and pay increases.

For more information on the FY 2023 budget, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget

Please contact my office if we can assist you:
Email: leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov or Phone: 703-971-6262

It is an honor to serve you,

-Rodney



2022-2023 SCA Slate of Officers

President— Gail Nittle

1st Vice President—Cassie Planakis

2nd Vice President—Mike Slater

Secretary—Peggy Woods-Clark

Treasurer—Sandy Frieswyk

Director at Large—Eric Jones

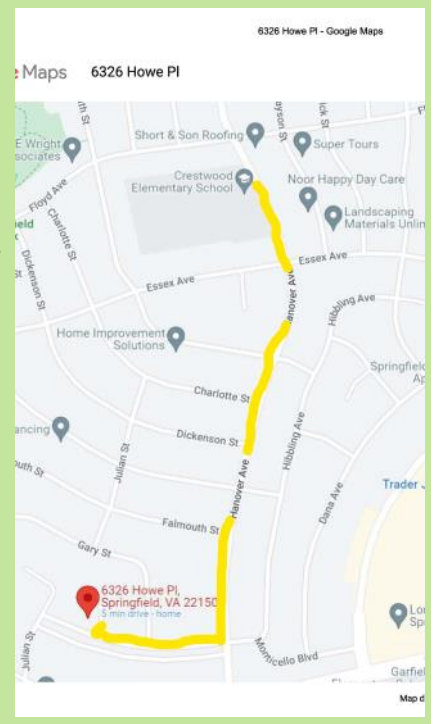
Director at Large—Neema Ngumbau

Elections will take place at the May SCA Meeting, May 17, 2022. Only paid members may vote.

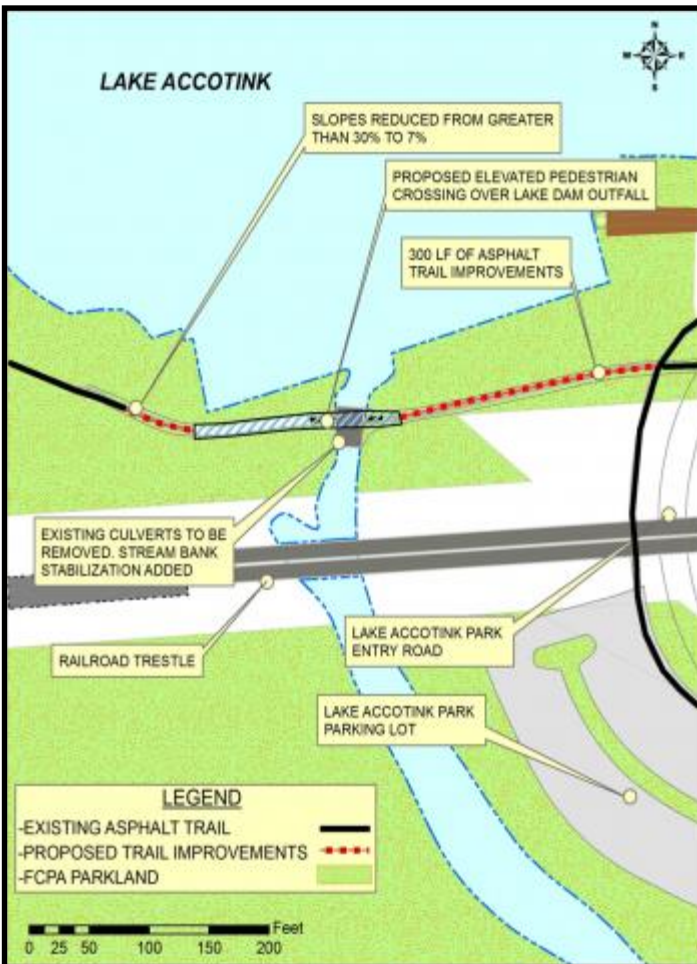


Directions to May SCA Meeting

The May 17th SCA Meeting will take place at the Frieswyk's home at **6326 Howe Place, Springfield, VA**. From Crestwood Elementary School, drive toward Old Keene Mill Rd. Turn right onto Monticello Blvd and drive past the two churches. Howe Place is the second street on the right.



Lake Accotink Dam Stream Crossing Project



The Fairfax County Park Authority will soon begin construction on the Lake Accotink Dam Stream Crossing Project (LADSC) at Lake Accotink Park located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield, Virginia.

The contractor, Franco's Liberty Bridge Inc, will be mobilizing on site with active construction activities beginning this summer. The project involves creating approximately 300 linear feet of asphalt trail improvements and 325 linear feet on an elevated concrete pedestrian crossing over the dam outfall in Lake Accotink Park. Total project costs, inclusive of design, permitting, testing, utilities, construction and administration, is just over \$3 million.

The Lake Accotink Loop Trail system is currently one of the most heavily used trails in the Park Authority, serving communities around Lake Accotink and park visitors throughout the region. The existing pedestrian and vehicular crossing at the outfall of the Lake Accotink dam floods suddenly and frequently, often stranding trail users and tempting them to wade through swiftly running water. Excessive damage due to major storm events has required a total reconstruction of the trail twice in the last five years. This project will resolve these issues, enhancing safety and accessibility for park users.

Project completion is anticipated in early 2023. Residents should expect occasional construction traffic entering and exiting the Accotink Park Road entrance. Portions of the surrounding Lake Accotink Trail will be closed and signs posted during construction.

Summer Entertainment



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY Summer Entertainment Series 2022 Braddock Nights

FREE!



Friday Evenings and Saturday Mornings

I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer concert series and Children's Arts in the Parks series! This series of free concerts and children's events will present a wide array of performances from classical, to bluegrass to comedy, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic, snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family, and neighbors. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please contact my office at (703) 425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,
James R. Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

Royal Lake Park

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax
Friday Evenings • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m

JULY

- 8 Thrillbillies (Roots Rock)
- 15 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass)
- 22 Black Masala (Funk, World)
- 29 Jess Eliot Myhre and Honky Tonk Heroes (Country)

AUGUST

- 5 Daryl Davis (Swing)
- 12 Mars Rodeo (Rock)
- 19 Frank Solivan & Jillian Lea (Bluegrass)

Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
Friday Evenings • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

JULY

- 8 Kings Park Band (Big Band)
- 15 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz)
- 22 The Annandale Brass Ensemble (Light Classical & Popular Songs)
- 29 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)

AUGUST

- 5 City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 12 The Nitehawks Swing Band (Swing)
- 19 The Annandale Jazz Ensemble (American Popular Music)



The Uncle Devin Show

ARTS in the PARKS

A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale



The Hillbilly Gypsies

JUNE

- 18 Mr. Lilo (Children's Songs)
- 25 Ms. Niki (Children's Songs)

JULY

- 2 the grandsons, Jr. (Children's Songs)
- 9 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs)
- 16 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
- 23 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)
- 30 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Percussion Ensemble (Children's Music)

AUGUST

- 6 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Songs)
- 13 Rainbow Puppets Production (Puppets Show)
- 20 The Uncle Devin Show (Children's Songs)

Braddock Nights is presented in partnership with the supporters of Braddock Nights and generous contributions from the following sponsors:



The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects.

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For details, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

Performances are held outdoors, bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather call the concert hotline at 703-324-7469 before leaving home. Cancellations are posted one hour prior to the show time.

FCPA's Summer Entertainment Series follows current CDC and Health Department COVID guidelines for events and the Governor's mandates for entertainment venues.



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Car Tax Relief is Coming!

County residents will see a new insert when personal property tax bills are sent out later this month!

- As part of the FY 2023 budget mark-up, the Board of Supervisors approved a local 15% tax relief for vehicle owners and lessees. This is nearly \$98 million in financial relief for county residents.

Personal property taxes (car taxes) are based on the assessed value of your vehicle using the JD Power Pricing Guide as of January 1, 2022.

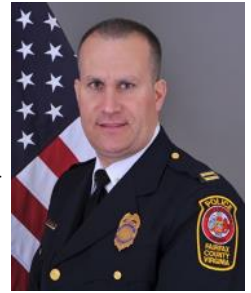
- This year, used vehicle values have sky-rocketed as a result of pandemic supply-chain issues that have severely limited the amount of new vehicles that are able to enter the market for consumers.
- Almost 90% of residents will see an increase in the assessed value of their vehicles.
- With this relief, cars will only be taxed at 85% of their value instead of the usual 100%.**



Meet the New Police Commander

The Franconia District Station has a new Commander!

A native of Pittsburgh, Captain Lieb graduated from Duquesne University with a degree in Criminology. He joined the FCPD in October 2003.



Captain Lieb's career with FCPD has included:

- Patrol assignments in the McLean and Sully Districts.
- Detective in the Organized Crime and Intelligence Bureau for nearly six years where he earned certification as an Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (ACAMS). ACAMS have expertise in detecting and preventing money laundering, terrorist financing and other financial crimes.
- Patrol supervisor for several patrol squads, including a Selective Enforcement Team that worked to resolve complex traffic issues and enhance the safety of motorists in Tysons Corner and other high-volume traffic areas.
- Second and First Lieutenant in the Public Affairs Bureau, where he communicated with the media and authored internal and external written information releases.
- Most recently, he served as the Assistant Commander of Sully District Station.

Captain Lieb is an active member of the FCPD Crisis Negotiations Team, trained to assist during mental health crisis, barricade situations and other critical incidents. He has also supervised the FCPD Crime Prevention Program, helping to organize participation in National Night Out and maintaining the Department's Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC) designation.

In his spare time, he loves spending time with his wife and two children - a seven year old and a three-year-old. He is also a diehard Pittsburgh sports fan – especially the Penguins!



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Friends of Richard Byrd Library

Hooray...the Book Sale is coming!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help with many things starting with moving and unpacking the hundreds of boxes of donated books we have stored since our last sale. We organize through Wednesday afternoon and then need volunteers to assist customers and keep the books neatly organized throughout the sale.

Take a look at our schedule and tell us the dates and times you would like to volunteer. Please sign up for a **minimum of two hours blocks**...and of course, we'd love to have you help on multiple dates.

FRIENDS OF RICHARD BYRD LIBRARY BOOK SALE 2022

Sale Set Up –

Friday, May 27 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, May 28 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 31 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday, May 1 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pre-Sale

Wednesday, June 1 (**\$10 entry fee**) 2:00-5:00 pm

Sale (open to the public)

Thursday, June 2 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday, June 3 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 4 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Bag Sale

Sunday, June 5 12:00 – 2:00 (**\$5 per bag**)

Sale Tear Down

Monday, Jun 6 10:00 -?



In Memoriam

Janet E. Simmons



Also known as Gran, Janet E. Simmons, of Springfield, VA, passed away on May 4, 2022, peacefully in her home. Beloved wife for 40 years to the late Orville L. Simmons; cherished mother to Joan Allison Simmons-Tadlock; loving grandmother to Justin and Tyler Tadlock, Jorge DelCid, and great grandmother to Daniel Romero Lopez. Preceded in death by her parents Henry and Margaret Lunceford, brother's Wally and Bo Lunceford, and sister Joan Moore. She will be missed by many.

Janet was born on June 7, 1936, in Alexandria, VA. She attended George Washington High School and later attended Radford University. Between 1968-1990 Janet served as a Kindergarten Teacher at Garfield Elementary, Forestdale Elementary, and Crestwood Elementary. She was an avid softball player and received the Outstanding Female Athlete for the City of Alexandria. Janet created the first Math and Language Arts research lab, "Space Lab" in the Fairfax County Public Schools. Janet was an 18-year member of The Eastern Star Chapter #169 and served as President of Star Point Society. Janet's hobbies included sewing and cooking.



Yasuko Riggs

Past SCA volunteer Yasuko Riggs passed on Thursday, March 10, 2022. Born in China, Yasuko was a Crestwood resident since 1973, Yasuko was a talented local artist and a past member of the Springfield Art Guild. Her work was often seen hanging in the Franconia Government Center and other venues.



Yasuko was an SCA Committee volunteer for several years serving as the creator and administrator of the original SCA website. The SCA is grateful for Yasuko's service to our community and extends our sincere condolences to her husband Floyd and their children.

John R. Lewis High School PTSA



John R. Lewis High School PTSA supports our students, school, and community by involving families directly. We provide volunteer and financial support to Lewis High School teachers and staff to benefit the community. All families should join the PTSA for our students. Together, we can help Lewis HS students thrive!

Supporting your local PTSA is critical! Here's how YOU can help:

- ⇒ Become a member
- ⇒ Attend monthly membership meetings
- ⇒ Make a one-time or recurring tax-deductible donation
- ⇒ Submit suggestions
- ⇒ Attend First Friday Movie Nights
- ⇒ **Volunteer** your time and talents

Interested in coordinating next year's All-Night Graduation Celebration? Preparation starts this summer!

- ⇒ **Bookmark this Amazon URL** (and shop from it). Every time you make a purchase, Lewis PTSA receives a small donation! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1289058>
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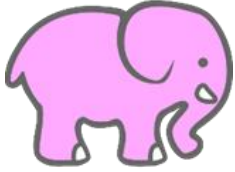
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Woman's Club of Springfield News

The Woman's Club of Springfield



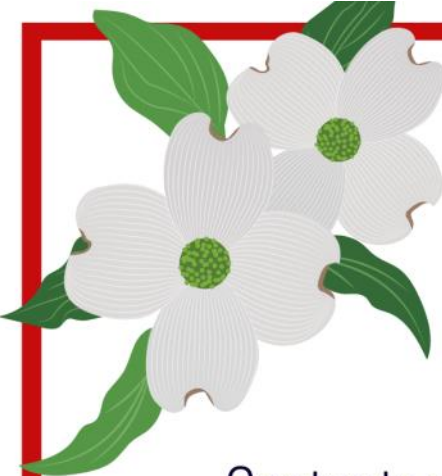
The Woman's Club of Springfield's had its Spring Faire in April, with proceeds benefitting Bethany House, an organization that helps victims of domestic abuse. This is one of many philanthropic endeavors that the Club sponsors through our Pink Elephant Thrift Shop proceeds. The shop is run and operated by an all-volunteer team, whose dedication has afforded us the ability to sponsor many organizations.

The Pink Elephant shop is open in the Concord Center, near Aldi's, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:30 to 3pm; and we accept consignments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9am to 12pm.

Our shop is blooming with spring bargains, and just waiting for you to come and shop!

On a sad note, on April 8, 2022 our Club lost our 26-year member, Susan Crupper Edson. Her ties to our Club and the Springfield community were lifelong, and her contributions much appreciated. She served as our Club President for three terms, authored our newsletter and membership yearbooks, and was Northern District credentials chairman for many years. She faithfully worked at our Club's Pink Elephant Thrift Shop on Saturdays. Her passing leaves a hole in the hearts of Club members and customers alike. Services were held for Susan on May 7th at Westwood Baptist Church on Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, Virginia.

We invite any woman in the Springfield or surrounding areas to join us at one of our meetings to see what we are all about. Also visit our website at www.womansclubofspringfield.org, www.gfwc.org, Facebook, Instagram, or Linked In. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact our Membership Chairman, Melody Corrigan, at melmoz@hotmail.com.



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Run, Walk, or Jog into Summer at Potomac River Running

Summer is just around the corner and it's a great time to set a fitness goal and work toward accomplishing it! Whether you walk, run, go to Orange Theory, or workout at the gym, it's important to set goals, make a plan, and then get the right gear! At Potomac River Running, we can help you with all of those things!

Train with a Group

One of the best ways to stay active and motivated is to train with a group. The accountability of your teammates and the guidance from a coach will help you meet your goals. This spring and summer, Potomac River Running has three training programs at our nearby Burke store. The Fitness Walking Program begins in mid-May and is perfect for someone who is just getting started on their fitness journey. Running 101/201 begins in mid-May and is designed to help those who want to take their running to the next level. Whether that means increasing distances, signing up for a 5K, or improving endurance, this is a great program to build strength and meet your goals. Lastly, the Distance Training Program starts in mid-June and is geared toward runners who are looking to compete in distance events like the 10K, half marathon, or marathon. Long runs can be tough but are so much better when you have a group by your side! Check out prtrainingprograms.com for more information about these training programs and to get signed up today!

Pick a Race and Set a Goal!

One of the best parts of spring and summer are all the different races available. From 5Ks to marathons to everything in between, there are plenty of races to choose from. Check out our race calendar at prraces.com and find a race that appeals to you. Go ahead and sign up today. Just by signing up for the race, you will already feel motivated to get a jump start on your training.

Stop by Potomac River Running in Springfield

Potomac River Running can help you with the gear you need to achieve your big goals. Your journey begins with a personalized 8-step fit process where we analyze your feet with a 3D scanner and watch you run or walk on a treadmill to study your gait. From there, we recommend everything you need to keep your feet comfortable such as new shoes, moisture-wicking socks, custom insoles, and a variety of accessories such as hydration packs and nutritionals. Stop by Potomac River Running in Springfield anytime to get started. Be sure to let us know your training or race goals so we can best help you along the way!



Friends of Lake Accotink Park

MONTHLY FLAP LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every month)

TIMES: 9:00am-12:00am

WHERE: Sign in at one location - Lake Accotink Marina

Pick up your gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps and more. You will also be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. Volunteer 4 times and received Your very OWN Safety Vest to personalize!

ACTIVITIES: Pick-up trash bags with debris carelessly dumped, dropped and forgotten. Dog waste stations (refill & check stations), vine clipping and more.

REGISTER: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653

CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every month)

TIME: 10:30am

WHERE: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden - Adjacent to the Marina

ACTIVITIES: Work alongside our experts as they care for the pollinator plants, watering and clean-up. We'll provide the tools and gloves or you can bring your own.

REGISTER:

- https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/186905
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158892889911>

EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sun of every Month)

TIME: 10:30am

WHERE: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden - Adjacent to the Marina.

ACTIVITY: Our experts will guide you through the pollinators and pollinator plants, starting and maintaining your own (any size) pollinator garden.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158891973169>

FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

Board & Committee positions are open- It Is YOUR LAKE ACCOTINK PARK help make a difference for a few hours a month! Accepting candidates. Send an email to Contact@flapaccotink.org for more information.

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2022 FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE

Fairfax County operates 10 farmers markets across Fairfax County under the Fairfax County Park Authority. Fairfax County Farmers Markets run Wednesday through Sunday from Spring to Fall. There are no markets on Monday and Tuesdays. **The market in our area is on Fridays in Kingstowne.** More details on each market can be found on the Fairfax County Parks website at

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets>

WEDNESDAY

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon
April 20 - December 21
8 a.m. - Noon
Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

Oak Marr
May 4 - November 9
8 a.m. - Noon
Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road

Wakefield
May 4 - October 26
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

THURSDAY

Annandale
May 5 - November 3
8 a.m. - Noon
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

Herndon
April 28 - November 3
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St., By the Red Caboose

FRIDAY

McLean
May 6 - November 11*
8 a.m. - Noon
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

Kingstowne

May 6 - October 28
3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
In the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center

SATURDAY

Burke
April 16 - December 17
8 a.m. - Noon
VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Reston
April 30 - December 3*
8 a.m. - Noon
Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza

SUNDAY

Lorton
May 1 - November 20
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.

Farmers Market—Springfield Towne Center

Conveniently located next to the Springfield Town Center, a trip to the Springfield Farmers Market can be an opportunity to make a serious dent in your to-do list while enjoying the community and food at the market! Stop by the market to enjoy local produce, baked goods, hot prepared foods, meats, and more!

May 7—December 24

Saturdays, 10am—2pm



FREE COVID 19 TESTING

The Richard Byrd Library now has COVID-19 testing in the parking lot on Thursdays from 9 am to 3pm. This is done through the Fairfax County Health Department. Additionally, the library is a great place for high school students to volunteer and get credit for their "volunteer" hours.



STOP AND THINK

Ask Yourself these questions

1. Did I lock my car?
2. Did I roll up my windows?
3. Did I leave my car running?
4. Did I leave any valuables in plain sight?

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ECHO

Summer is Coming and That Means...Empty Pantry Shelves!

A number of factors, including a pause in organized food drives, make summer a lean season for ECHO's Food Pantry, but the need in the community remains the same. Please consider participating in one of these Food Drives:



- May 14, the National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food donations along their routes for the nationwide Stamp Out Hunger campaign. Food collected out of the Burke, West Springfield and Central Springfield Post Offices will come to ECHO. This drive is vital in keeping our pantry shelves stocked through the summer. Please consider leaving a bag of food at your mailbox early that morning.
- June 18, Shred and Share Event, 11:00 to 2:00 at Kirkwood Presbyterian parking lot, 8336 Carrleigh Pkwy, Springfield, sponsored by Kathleen Pester, Team Integrity. Get old documents securely shredded and donate food. Especially needed now are: granola bars, flour, Masa flour, peanut butter, coffee, honey, sugar, bagged rice, dried black beans, dried red beans, canned fish (such as sardines), canned milk, deodorant, toilet tissue, razors, shaving cream.

Many Volunteer Opportunities at ECHO!

The ECHO Yard Sale returned last month to the delight of shoppers and volunteers alike, but in order to carry on this tradition, ECHO needs some folks willing to lead aspects of future Yard Sales. Great notes from previous yard sale leaders are ready as a guide for new volunteers. Most of the work starts about six weeks prior to the date of the sale, and there are always many enthusiastic helpers just waiting for a leader. If leadership is your personal skill, consider helping our community by helping ECHO with this fun event that raises money for our mission.

ECHO needs a "shutter bug"! We often need a photographer to record special events both for ECHO's historical record and for publication in newsletters and social media. A volunteer who enjoys photography and could attend one or two day or evening events per month would be most welcome to join our Communications Team.

ECHO needs volunteers in the following areas on specific days or evenings: Clothing Room, Administrative Support, Fix-It Desk, Client Counseling, and Facilities Maintenance. If you want to know more about how your skills might be used to serve our community (and if you want to work side by side with some of the nicest people anywhere), [email Volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:Volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org).

Donating Clothing and Household Items

In addition to clothing, ECHO collects and then distributes home goods that are clean and in good repair, such as pots and pans, bed linens and towels. For a complete list of items that ECHO can use when you can't use them any more, see our website, www.echo-inc.org. Click on "Donate Goods." Right now, our Clothing Room needs men's (new) short socks, men's t-shirts size medium or small, sneakers for teen girls and boys, men's sweatpants and athletic shorts in small or medium sizes. ECHO is open to receive donations Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00, as well as one Saturday morning a month (check echo-inc.org for the date each month). Receipts are cheerfully provided by our Donation Door volunteers.

Upcoming Dates to Note

- May 14 - Postal Carriers Food Drive
- May 16- Board of Directors Meeting
- May 30 - Closed for Memorial Day
- June 18 - Shred and Share Food Drive, Kirkwood Presbyterian

TrailsforYouth.Org Rolling into Outdoor Fun for SCA Families and Youth

We are excited to report TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) is celebrating 20 years! TYO has been a positive force for good in our community and we are thrilled to announce our 20th Anniversary. We are incredibly grateful to the SCA community for your support and sponsorship of our youth nature programs for many years. It is our mission and dedication to provide opportunities for youth to experience the personal and positive health and wellness impacts that being active in nature provides. Through weekly events, youth not only gain positive healthy benefits but leave more confident from their successes. Our motto is “teaching kids to overcome obstacles on the trail and in life” and the support from the SCA families helps us to be successful. We are excited for many outdoor nature programs coming to the SCA community this Spring and Summer via events at Brookfield and Lake Accotink Parks.

TYO was thrilled to be involved with Lynbrook’s and Crestwood’s school activities. Through our “Balance Challenge” dozens of youth were able to compete by balancing themselves in a stationary wheelie for many seconds. We gave out over 5 skateboards and helmets to lucky winners. The kids had fun and learned how to find that “balance spot” which is so important in biking and in life.

TYO has begun weekly “TYO Tuesdays at Brookfield” for local youth to experience mountain bike skills via games and challenges through portable bike obstacles brought to the park by TYO and the permanent pump track or bike skills at Brookfield. Perhaps we will see you there?

In addition to these fun weekly events, TYO is again offering the Girls Adventures in STEM Summer Camp at Brookfield in June. Girls in grades 5-8 can experience ideas, activities, experiments and discussions through hiking, biking, and watershed education at Brookfield all while having fun and gaining valuable STEM education.



At Lake Accotink, TYO will teach Introduction to Mountain Biking for kids 8-14 in June (via Parktakes) and we are incorporating a more formal fishing education component into several of our programs and so far our catch and release efforts have brought smiles to the kids’ faces – look for us at Lake Accotink trying our luck to catch a lunker!

Never one to rest on our laurels, we have held several meetings with FCPA and Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE), to clean up and repair the identified trails of the Brookfield Master Plan so families can have a sustained, user friendly connection trail from Brookfield to access the CCT and Lake Accotink park safely. We will start with mitigating the junction of the trail with the CCT which is perpetually muddy and wet. FCPA seems excited about this happening. Stay tuned for more updates and be sure to follow us on Facebook for more information.

For more information about TrailsforYouth.Org follow us on [Facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.org](https://www.facebook.com/TrailsforYouth.org) or email Julie@trailsforyouth.org





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How Redistricting Affects You

Those who vote at Crestwood Elementary as your home precinct have been redistricted from the 8th to the 11th Congressional District.

- Because this change becomes official on Jan. 1, 2023, there will NOT be a primary election held at Crestwood on June 21, 2022. There will still be a Democratic primary held the 8th Congressional District, but it no longer includes Crestwood. There will be no primary this year in the 11th District as Democratic incumbent Gerald Connolly is running unopposed and the Republican party selects its candidates through alternative means.
- This redistricting similarly affects much of Lynbrook and Garfield precincts, too!
- In the Virginia Legislature, you will no longer be in Vivian Watts House District 39. You will be included in House District 18, currently represented by Delegate Kathy Tran and Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn.
- You will remain in Dick Saslaw's Virginia Senate 35th District.

Check your local listings. You can view your polling place, precinct, and especially Congressional district information using the Citizens Portal from the Virginia Department of Elections by clicking [here](#).

A mailing will be sent out to all Fairfax County voters with specific new voter information regarding congressional, senatorial, and supervisory districts and polling locations, as applicable. Meanwhile, you will continue to be represented by 8th District incumbent Congressman Don Beyer until the end of 2022.



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Springfield Art Guild



PLEASE JOIN THE SPRINGFIELD ART GUILD FOR ITS VIRTUAL 2022 GUEST SPEAKER SERIES!! May 11 & June 8, 2022

We still have our Monthly meetings on
the 2nd Wed of the month starting at 7pm On 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 join us before 7PM

7:00PM: Pat Hafkemeyer, May Acting President, will conduct a short business meeting

**** Immediately following conclusion of the business meeting, the guest speaker will begin their 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. Contact Elaine Sevy, SAG board member at Yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com for the Zoom link to our programs.

Our May Guest Speaker is Danny Gregory, best selling author of a dozen books, and founder of Sketchbook Skool

Danny wrote, "For me, art isn't just something to sell in a gallery or hang on the wall. It's a way of documenting the stories of my life and the beauty that surrounds me."

He's an internationally known best-selling author of a dozen books on art and creativity. Danny's shown 'zillions' of people how to ignite their inner artists, embrace their creativity and tell the stories of their lives. From Boston to Beijing, people who haven't drawn since grade school have picked up the creative habit and have gone on to publish books of their own and show and sell their artwork.



Danny is the founder of Sketchbook Skool, an online art school designed to bring artists back to their creativity. Taught by the world's best illustrators, artists, and educators, Sketchbook Skool encourages its global community of over 50,000 students to draw in a sketchbook, regardless of skill level.

Danny's been writing online since 2003, first on his blog and now in a weekly newsletter. 100,000 subscribers tune into his weekly video essays on YouTube.

Danny spent three decades as one of New York's leading advertising creative directors creating award-winning, global campaigns for clients like Chase, JPMorgan, American Express, IBM, Burger King, Ford, Chevron, and many others.

Danny was born in London, grew up in Pakistan, Australia, and Israel, and graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University. He now lives in Phoenix, AZ.

For more about Danny, visit his sites, dannygregory.com ; sketchbookskool.com and Instagram. For more, visit his site, dannygregory.com and sketchbookskool.com

Our June Guest Speaker is George Jones III, Wood Turning



George Jones III, who exhibits his fine art pieces at **The Loft Gallery of Occoquan**, began the craft of woodturning in 2008. Since then he has studied with a number of internationally renowned wood artists, and has studied at the Arrowmount School of the Arts in Gatlinburg, TN.

Exposure to artists working in other media at the school has allowed George to develop a unique perspective by incorporating some of these techniques in his work. In 2020, he became a member of the Board of Governors for Arrowmount School of Arts and Crafts.

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Springfield Art Guild (cont'd)

Each of the artist's pieces is unique, from bowls to wall art, and tells a story.

It is his hope that the love and fulfillment from creating each piece is apparent and brings enjoyment to those who see them.

George became a member of the American Association of Woodturners and Capital Area Woodturners in 2002, and is a current board member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227.



Claudia McDowell Honored



Congratulations to Claudia McDowell, school social worker at Lynbrook Elementary School, for being named 2022 National School Worker of the year by the School Social Work Association of America!

Claudia has worked for 10 years at Lynbrook Elementary. She worked closely with the school's attendance program combatting chronic absenteeism by building student's sense of belonging and engagement.

How wonderful to see our school social workers receiving national attention for the incredible impact they make in our children's lives!

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

The History of Springfield

Written by Robyn Carter

Hello Springfielders! I hope everyone has enjoyed a nice spring and are now looking forward to a wonderful summer season.

With the hot weather approaching and many residents taking advantage of the swimming opportunities in the area, I would like to wish The Springfield Swim Club (now known as The Springfield Swimming and Racket Club) a Happy 67th Anniversary. In the June 1, 1955 edition of The Springfield Independent, it was reported that the pool held its official opening on Saturday May 28th with events starting from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM including an open house and opening ceremony with the official opening of the pool itself at 1:00 PM. As with many things in those early days of Springfield's development, the pool was a culmination of a lot of effort through planning, fund raising and the building of community support. Crestwood Construction Corporation vice-president, Mr. E. Carl Hengen agreed to sell the approximately 4.8 acres of land "for cost" to The Springfield Swimming Club, Inc. and the land was deeded over on December 1, 1954. So far I have not been able to find any deed information that might show what that "for cost" amount may have been and I can only surmise that the financing was directly between the swim club and Crestwood Construction rather than through a bank or mortgage institution where a land records document was recorded at the court house.

Although my research and archiving of Springfield's early development history will be ongoing, I find that I have sort of run my course as far as coming up with enough information to create really good copy for these articles, so at least for the time being, this will be my last submission. In looking back over the previous submissions, I see that I was able to cover a good deal of the area's post WW2 history but unfortunately a good deal of what I gather gets into important detail - but ones that really don't rise to the level of fleshing out an article.

Over the past nearly two years it has been a wonderful honor and privilege to share some of the information that I have learned about the early development years of Springfield with you through the courtesy and support of the civic association and your Springfield Reporter. If, in the future, I happen across or compile enough information on a particular subject that is "article worthy", then I will surely reach out to your editor and submit it for publication.

In the meantime, I offer you my heartfelt thanks for your interest and I hope that what I have shared will inspire pride in your community's future from knowing more about it's past. If even one person has begun to see the historic significance in Springfield (versus a cynical viewpoint of it just being "old unimportant DC suburban sprawl") then my work has been worthwhile.

Although my regular articles end here, if any of you have questions regarding the post WW2 development of Springfield, please feel free to reach out to me via my email at Bettygrbl@aol.com and put "Springfield History Question" in the subject line and I will respond as soon as I am able.

Best Wishes To You All,
Ye Olde Historian – Robyn Carter.

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May 17, 2022

6:30pm

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Election of Officers

Social Time and
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- Effectively interacting with local government and community organizations
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