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NEXT MEETING --
WHEN AND WHERE

Crestwood Elementary School
6010 Hanover Ave.
Meet and Greet: 7 p.m.
Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a presentation from
Franconia District Police
and an
Update on the Status of
Springfield Mall

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

New Year's Greetings!

The beginning of a new year is a time we have traditionally used to take stock of our blessings and plan for the coming year. I hope in thinking about the year ahead you have considered becoming more involved in your community. Of course, many of you reading this are already involved in your community, your place of worship, scouts, neighborhood watch, PTA, volunteer organizations, and many more. You are one of the blessings for which this community is thankful.

The Springfield Civic Association is the common ground for people committed to making this community a better place to live. We are an organization that brings together the citizens and the leaders of our community. Join us on Tuesday, January 18 for the Springfield Civic Association's general membership meeting at Crestwood Elementary school. Members of the Franconia District Police Department will give a presentation to the meeting and we will also hear an update on the status of Springfield Mall.

Mark your calendars and bring that neighbor you have been waving to and meaning to get to know. Our association is doing well, but we would like to have more residents become members and participate in its events as often as possible. An informed community makes a better community. Please mention to your neighbors, friends and acquaintances that they might wish to visit our web site, <http://springfieldcivic.org> to learn more about the association. I look forward to working with you in the new year to make our community a better place to live.

Tawny Hammond, President

ATTEND A MEETING, WIN A DOOR PRIZE!

Attend the January meeting and be eligible to win a gift certificate graciously donated by some of our own Springfield merchants.

The Springfield Civic Association offers door prizes at every meeting. Drawings are held at 9:00 p.m. You must be present to win.

We encourage you to patronize these generous civic minded businesses.

**THE SPRINGFIELD REPORTER
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Do you have desktop publishing skills or experience with creating flyers or forms? If you are interested in helping Springfield Civic Association with the publication of the newsletter, "The Springfield Reporter", please contact Tawny Hammond at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Lynbrook	East of Backlick
Captain:	Bruce Waggoner
North	North of Floyd, between Backlick and Hanover
Captain:	Chris Colovos
Central	South of Floyd, between Backlick and Hanover
Captain:	Maureen Gibson
West	North of Floyd, west of Hanover
Captain:	Gail Nittle
South	South of Floyd, west of Hanover
Captain:	Debbie Mays

If you would like to join the Neighborhood Watch team, call the Crime Prevention Officer at 703-922-8263 or e-mail Springfield Civic Association at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com , One hour a month is all it takes to be part of the solution. Protect your community. Protect your home and your family.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The recent CAC (Citizen's Advisory Committee) meeting was a big success. The number of people attending is way up. I was particularly pleased with the number of new folks in attendance. Lets keep this up. There are still some neighborhoods that are not represented. These meetings are a good opportunity to get

relevant information. Plus, you can ask questions of the Station Captain directly.

The next CAC will be on January 19, 2011 in the Helen Wilson Community Room located in the Lee District Government Center (6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312. We are trying a new format. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with a speaker. This presentation will conclude at 7:15 p.m. We will then have an intermission period/social time. At 7:30 p.m. we will start the normal CAC meeting.

The topic in January will be "What Homeowners should know before hiring a Contractor". The speaker is Ann Rackas Pate. Ann has sixteen years of experience as a construction project manager, has been a construction lawyer for eleven years, and served a four year term as a member of the Virginia Board for Contractors. She will be providing information on contractor licensing laws, information resources on the internet, residential construction contract requirements, and remedies for dealing with unlicensed or unscrupulous contractors.

MPO Jim Reid
Crime Prevention Officer
Franconia District Station
6121 Franconia Rd
Alexandria, VA 22310
(703)922-8263

GO GREEN!

Over half of our membership has made the commitment to a "green" newsletter by agreeing to receive the Springfield Reporter by e-mail. Let us know your preference by filling out the information below.

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or Springfield Civic Association, Box 842
Springfield, VA 22150



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH!

One hour a month is all it takes to be part of the solution. Protect your community. Protect your home and your family.



CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Do you want Springfield Civic Association meetings but wonder what to do with the children? Our trained child care staff can provide videos, coloring books, and some light crafts in the school while you enjoy the company and informative discussion.

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By Branch Manager Sandy Freund

Wowbrary is a free service that informs library customers about the library's newest books, CDs and DVDs. The newsletter is sent out weekly to subscribers via email or RSS feeds.

Each issue of Wowbrary features Top Picks as well as the newest titles grouped under a variety of categories: Biographies and Memoirs; Business and Investing; Computers and the Internet; Audiobooks & Courses; Cooking, Food & Wine; Travel; Sports; Health; Religion and Spirituality; Literature & Fiction; Mysteries & Thrillers; Science Fiction and Fantasy; and many more. There are also separate sections for Children's Books, Teen titles, and Comics & Graphic Novels. Select a category of interest to view a list of titles. For each title, you can click on More Info or Reviews to link to Amazon for more details. If you decide you are interested in a title, clicking on Borrow will take you to the FCPL catalog, where you can place a hold.

The titles on Wowbrary are truly the newest of the new. They have just been ordered by the library system.

Wowbrary was created by Interactive Sciences, Inc., a nonprofit corporation that uses technology to better connect people with public library resources.

To receive Wowbrary, go to the library's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library. Scroll down to the blue Wowbrary seal/logo on the right-hand side of the page. Click on it to go to the Wowbrary site and follow the directions. It's very easy and a wonderful way to get an early alert on items ordered by FCPL. Your email address and information on titles you reserve and check out is not provided to others.

Here is our calendar of activities for January and February 2011:

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 PM.

English Conversation Group. Practice and improve your English. Adults.*(v)

Monday, Jan. 10, 2:30 PM.

Life Under the Snow and Ice. Learn about life hidden in a frozen world of snow and ice. Presented by the staff of the Hidden Pond Nature Center. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library. Ages 6-12.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 10:30 AM.

Read With Me. Begin the love of reading with ones and twos at the library. Join us for a special storytime with activities. Age 1-2 with adult.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 7:00 PM.

Springfield Writers' Group. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults.* (v)

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1:00 PM.

Travel Club. Bring lunch and enjoy a lively discussion. Adults.* (v)

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2:00 PM.

Bear Snores On. Join us for fun stories and activities. Bring along a favorite bear or another special stuffed animal friend. Age 3-5 with adult.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:00 PM.

English Conversation Group. Practice and improve your English. Adults.*(v)

Saturday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

VITA Tax Assistance. Tax help. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$49,000. Adults.* (v)

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10:30 AM.

Read With Me. Begin the love of reading with ones and twos at the library. Join us for a special storytime with activities. Age 1-2 with adult.

Monday, Feb 14, 2:30 PM.

Slithery, Slinky, Scaly Snakes. Learn about these fascinating animals, and see some of the ones you may find in your neighborhood or on a hike. Presented by the staff of Hidden Pond Nature Center. Cosponsored by the Friends of Richard Byrd Library. Age 6-12.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2:00 PM.

Calling All Cats. Join us for fun stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:00 PM.**World Literature Across the Centuries.**

Book discussion focusing on different cultures and centuries. Facilitated by Wendi Kaufman, writer and university instructor. Cosponsored by the Friends of Richard Byrd Library. This month: The Hound of the Baskervilles by A. Conan Doyle. Adults.*

Thursday, Feb. 17, 7:00 PM.

Springfield Writers' Group. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults.* (v)

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:00 PM.

Travel Club. Bring lunch and enjoy a lively discussion. Adults.* (v)

*indicates that no registration is required. Otherwise, registration opens two weeks before each event. (v) indicates that the event is led by a volunteer.



CRESTWOOD ELEMENTARY
TIM KASIK, PRINCIPAL

As we begin 2011, I like to look back at some of what has been happening at Crestwood since the school year began. We have enjoyed active parent participation at school events and are continuing to build strong partnerships throughout the community. The Richard Byrd Library has been active with their support of Crestwood through donating books and sharing with our families some of the December programs that were available at our November PTA meeting. Many of our families and students use the public library and it has been important for me to strengthen our partnership.

One of the challenges we face is getting our students to and from school safely. Most of the children at Crestwood either walk to school or they are dropped off through our Kiss and Ride line. As members of our community, it is our collective responsibility to maintain everyone's safety. Our Kiss and Ride line seems to get longer every day. Our staff has been doing a fantastic job getting our students loaded quickly and safely in an effort to ease the traffic on Hanover. We are also exploring a Safe Routes To School Grant that is intended to raise awareness in the community about the number of walkers we have and to be aware that children are crossing busy streets. The children at Crestwood generally do a great job getting to and from school safely. It is important to remember that they are

children and not always aware of their surroundings. Please keep an eye out as you drive through the neighborhood as we continue to monitor that all students remain safe during their walk to and from school.

We believe that all children learn when provided a safe, nurturing environment. We appreciate all of the continued support the Crestwood community gives to our school.

Timothy Kasik, Principal



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR MCKAY

The end of the calendar year always arrives in a rush with seemingly only a few days between Halloween and the New Year. It's a time to review some accomplishments of the previous months and plan for those of the year to come. Space precludes more than an outline, so please contact my office or subscribe to my e-newsletter at Leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov if you would like more details.

- **County Budget:** Both a better economic climate and the work we've done over the past several years to maintain core services and trim the non-essential are showing fruit. While we have a projected \$54 million dollar shortfall for FY 2012, that's far better than last year's \$300 million shortfall and FY2009's \$650 million one. My citizen budget committee will continue

to provide valuable input and I'd also welcome your thoughts on budget priorities.

- **Transportation:** A new right turn lane from eastbound South Kings Highway to Harrison Lane and a left turn lane from westbound South Kings Highway to Harrison Lane have improved the traffic flow at the intersection.
- The Board of Supervisors has approved a plan that I pushed for to widen Telegraph Road to four lanes from South Van Dorn Street to South Kings Highway and add turn lanes to unclog South Van Street and South Kings Highway at Telegraph Road. Construction is scheduled for 2013.
- The missing piece of the Fairfax County Parkway is finally in place. We've opened both north and southbound lanes of Fullerton Road at its grade separated interchange with the Fairfax County Parkway.
- **Removal of Blighted Buildings**

The blighted buildings that dotted Old Keene Mill road in Springfield are finally gone! In March, Fairfax County acquired the former Circuit City site on Old Keene Mill Road, demolished the blighted building and built a commuter parking lot that opened on December 6. The site will remain available for the longtime informal slugging operation.

April saw the demolition of the Chi-Chi's restaurant, vacant since 2002. A hotel similar to the nearby Marriott Residence Inn is expected to be built on the site. The adjacent former Shoney's has also been demolished and Long John Silver is not far behind.

- **Zoning**

The new Department of Code Compliance consolidates the different entities (including the Strike Team) that previously investigated most neighborhood quality of life complaints including boarding houses (overcrowding), parking in the grass, junk in the yard, unmowed grass, graffiti, and building without permits. Violations that fall under different sections of the County's code are now worked simultaneously. Report violations at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/ or call 703-324-1300.

You can reach Supervisor McKay at 703-971-6262 or by e-mail at leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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SCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Become a "Springfield Promoter" and help your association to improve our community, make Springfield an ideal place for you and your children. Join the Springfield Civic Association (SCA) - contribute your voice when local problems are discussed, publish your views in our newsletter, become a Committee Member and alert SCA to community problems. For a mere \$15, you can join!

Cut along the line above and send the bottom part with your check to:

The Springfield Civic Association
P.O. Box 842
Springfield, VA 22150

Areas of Interest (Circle one or more)

Parks	Membership
Land Use/Zoning	SCA Management
Community Improvement	Newsletter
Neighborhood Watch	Web Site
Transportation	Other

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of Your Community!

BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE
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The American Legion will host a **BLOOD DRIVE** on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield American Legion, 6520 Amherst Avenue. For more information, please contact:

Joe Finch, 703-569-1552
Email--SEPPL1552@AOL.COM

The Springfield Civic Association would like to thank the students and faculty at Key Center School for printing the newsletter.

Thank you!

Queridos miembros de la comunidad hispana:

De la Asociación Civica de Springfield quisieramos invitarles a una reunión el día 18 de Enero que tendra como objetivo el de ilegar a conocernos mejor y será una oportunidad en la que podamos escuchar sus opiniones.

Esta reynuón será en la escuela elementaria de Crestwood a las 7:00 de la tarde. Esperamos contar con su valiosa presencia.