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NEXT MEETING --
WHEN AND WHERE

March 15, 2011

Crestwood Elementary School
6010 Hanover Avenue

Meet and Greet: 7 p.m.

Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Topics:

Long Term Care Services

Presented by County Staff

Identity Theft

Presented by Lee District Crime
Prevention Officer Jim Reid

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

March 15 membership meeting:

We are very excited about the Tuesday, March 15 membership meeting at Crestwood Elementary School at 7 pm. Whether you are planning for your own future, assisting a relative or helping a friend or neighbor, Long Term Care Services is relevant to us on different levels at different times in our lives. County Staff will present an overview of the many options available for long term care services - public and private, for older adults and adults with disabilities. This is not about insurance, rather it will focus on services such as in-home care, home delivered meals, and adult day health care among many others. The presentation will be about 30 minutes with another 15 minutes allotted for questions.

If you remember back in January our membership meeting that was focusing on Identity Theft was cancelled due to inclement weather. Much to our delight the Lee District Crime Prevention Officer, Jim Reid, is available on March 15 to address the crime of Identity Theft and measures we can take to prevent it. Officer Reid can also address any other concerns and answer questions.

Please offer a ride to a neighbor and make plans to be on hand.

Remember the free raffle is promptly at 9 pm!

Your SCA board member, Bruce Waggoner, attends the Lee District Land Use meetings. Bruce will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have.

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Land Use Highlights:

Hilton Homewood Suites Hotel on the old Chi-Chi's site passed the Land Use Committee and is now on for further consideration by the Board of Supervisors. No showstoppers are foreseen. Hilton exceeded environmental concerns regarding storm water runoff, etc. The hotel will generally mirror the Marriott Residence Inn on the other side of the Veterans Bridge. Streetscapes will be extended to match the Marriott's.

A new townhome development has been proposed at the corner of Fleet and Beulah; the Land Use Committee votes on 28 Feb. There were several questions regarding runoff and storm water management that the developer will have to address to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Lewin Park's development was passed at the January session (corner of Beulah and the Parkway). Office buildings will replace the old neighborhood.

The Land Use Committee generally meets the first Monday of each month in the Franconia Governmental Center (7pm) and is open to the public. See the Land Use link on the Lee District website (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/landuse.htm>); Please dial 703-971-6686 to hear what cases will be heard for particular meetings. Call on or after the Wednesday before the meeting (backup or regular) for the agenda and to confirm whether the meeting will be held.

May elections:

Please consider serving on your Springfield Civic Association Board. There will be vacancies on the board this May. I will be stepping down as President, but I am very interested in continuing to serve in some capacity. I enjoy the electronic communications and believe we have room for improvement regarding communication in general. As most of you know I commute 2 hours a day now and due to some other life changes I cannot devote the time that I once did to community affairs, however I remain committed to civic service and to all of you. I still serve on the Springfield Days Steering Committee. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with my friends and neighbors over the past 11 years as we have tackled some rather daunting challenges successfully. So.... you are not getting rid of me totally, but I do want folks to know that I will not be returning as president.

A list of vacancies for the SCA board will be in the May newsletter and on the web site. If you have questions please feel free to email me at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com

- We are looking for a newsletter editor as well. Our beloved Lee Paulson is hanging up her keyboard after May. If you are interested talk with Lee at the March 15 meeting. Do not let Lee's awesome and incredible newsletters intimidate you. We will never fill her shoes and we're not foolish enough to believe that we can replace her. Please consider assisting with the newsletter.

Tawny Hammond

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

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

POLICE & SCHOOLS CONCERNED OVER ILLEGAL PASSING Motorists Passing Buses Puts Children at Risk

Fairfax County Public Schools bus drivers and Fairfax County police officers met recently and discussed an apparent rise in illegal passing of school buses.

“Professional bus drivers with years of experience told us they’re seeing record numbers of motorists driving recklessly around buses picking up and discharging students,” said First Lieutenant Butch Gamble, Assistant Commander of the Traffic Safety Division.

With over 1,500 school buses on the roads of Fairfax County transporting more than 110,000 students each day, police and school officials

express deep concern over perceived increase in dangerous driving behaviors near buses. Police officers have issued over 1,700 summonses to motorists illegally passing buses over the past five years.

“For even one child to be injured because a motorist is disregarding traffic laws is inexcusable,” said FCPS Superintendent Jack D. Dale. “In the past year, we have had four students hit by motorists while on their way to school. In one instance, a child was crossing the street in a crosswalk when he was hit. I urge all motorists to exercise extreme caution when driving near school buses and bus stops.”

Motorists are reminded that there are serious consequences and penalties for failure to stop properly for school buses including reckless driving charges with a potential of jail time, fines and points against one’s driving record.

Fairfax County school buses transport more students every day than any school system in the United States with the exception of New York City. Increased awareness for both students and motorists is paramount to keeping children safe. Parents are encouraged to remind their children how to get to and from their buses safely. Drivers should also be reminded of laws regarding school bus stops.



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.

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

How can I stay safe?

Personal safety is not a police issue: it is everyone's responsibility. Knowing how to keep yourself safe and to avoid becoming a victim of crime is critical, no matter where you work or live.

Personal Safety Tips everyone should know include:

- Stay alert - Be aware of your surroundings
- Be confident - Walk with confidence and purpose
- Trust your instincts - Learn to trust intuition and react to unsettled feelings

What should I do when I am shopping or walking in public?

- Carry a cell phone
- Alert family/friends to your travel plans and when you may be home
- Have an escort, if possible
- Avoid carrying large sums of money
- Report suspicious people or activity to police
- Walk in well-lit, populated areas; avoid cut-through paths
- Avoid walking near hedges or bushes.
- Before leaving a bus/rail station, observe others

What should I do in parking lots?

- Lock car doors
- Park in well-lit areas
- Keep hands free, if possible
- Stay alert
- Have your keys in hand, ready to go
- Get into vehicle and lock your door immediately

ATTEND A MEETING, WIN A DOOR PRIZE!

Attend the March 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 local businesses. SCA welcomes a new contributor, **Oh Nails**, to our list of donors. Past donors include:

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By Branch Manager Sandy Freund

Career Transitions is one of our newest online resources and may be used either in the library or at home. A joint project of Gale and the Fairfax County Public Library, *Career Transitions* is designed to help job-seekers and is divided into 5 sections: *Discover Interests*, *Explore Careers*, *Build Resume*, *Improve My Chances*, and *Find Jobs*. Although you may use it as a guest, creating a user profile will enable you to save all of your work in the database. This information is not shared with anyone.

Discover Interests includes an interest assessment that takes about 10 minutes to complete. *Explore Careers* helps users establish state targets (where they want to work), career targets (what they want to do), and industry targets (in what industry). *Build Resume* includes step-by-step assistance in writing a resume. *Explore Improve My Chances* to get quick advice on networking, interviewing, applying and negotiating. Finally, *Find Jobs* lets you do exactly that, searching by type (job title, keyword, company) and by location (city, state, zip code).

To use *Career Transitions* at home, go to the library webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library. Click on *Online Resources* at the left side of the page. Look for the list of resources by *Subject* and click on *Careers*. You may also scroll down to the search box and type in *Career Transitions*. From the list of resources displayed, scroll down to *Career*

Transitions and click on *log on*. You will need your library card number to access the database.

Here is our calendar of events for March and April:

Personalized Computer Tutoring. Get one-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Call the library to schedule an appointment. Adults. (v)

Tuesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00.

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

Saturday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 16, 10:00 – 1:00.

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

Wednesday, March 9, 10:30.

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, March 14, 2:30.

Who's Hiding in That Shell? The World of Turtles.

Learn about these fascinating animals; see 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 the Richard Byrd Library. Age 6-12.

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Tuesday, March 15, 2:00.

Classic Tales with a Twist. Join us for some new versions of familiar classic tales. Age 3-5 with adult.

Thursday, March 17, 7:00.

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

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00.

Connecting Your Home: How to Choose Phone, Cable TV & Internet Services.

Information on choosing cable services, how today's communications services work, advantages and disadvantages of digital and high-definition services, 911 and E-911 issues. Presented by Fairfax County's Department of Cable and Consumer Services. Adults.

Wednesday, March 23, 1:00.

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

Saturday, April 2, 9, 16, 10:00 – 1:00.

VITA Tax Assistance. Tax help. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earn up to \$49,000/yr. Adults.*

Tuesday April 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00.

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

Wednesday, April 6, 10:30. 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.

Tuesday, April 12, 2:00.

April Showers Bring May Flowers. Join us for fun stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

Saturday, April 16, 2:00.

Creative Life: Writing and Illustrating for Children.

Get help navigating the peaks and valleys of writing and illustrating for children. Cosponsored by the Society of Book Writers and Illustrators - Mid-Atlantic. Adults.

Wednesday, April 20, 11:00.

Barefoot Puppets Presents Little by Little.

Appalachian music, animals and more in this tale of a forest and its new growth after a fire. Cosponsored by the Erie and John Hopkins Charitable and Educational Trust and a Virginia Commission for the Arts grant through the Fairfax Library Foundation. All ages.

Thursday, April 21, 7:00.

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

Thursday, April 26, 7:00.

Inside the WikiLeaks Revelations with David Sanger.

Chief Washington Correspondent for the New York Times and author of "The Inheritance", David Sanger, discusses WikiLeaks and what the release means to the world. Adults.

Wednesday, April 27, 1:00.

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

*indicates that no registration is necessary. Otherwise, please register online or call or visit the library beginning two weeks before the event. Arrangements for sign language interpreters, listening systems or real-time captioning should be made at the library at least two weeks before the event.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

CRESTWOOD ELEMENTARY
TIM KASIK, PRINCIPAL

As we continue through our third quarter of school, we are very excited about our continuing and new learning opportunities for our Crestwood students. Currently, many of our students are involved in our Saturday Scholars program that encourages continued improvement on math and reading skills during an exciting Saturday morning program. Some of our students are also involved in a weekday early morning Computer Skills class and third grade Reading improvement study. We are currently planning for a Crestwood Summer School program and additional opportunities for our students this summer. We will be notifying parents when all of our summer programs have been confirmed with detailed information.

I am still actively monitoring the safety of our students as they walk daily to and from school. We continue to stress to our students the importance of being aware of their surroundings and their responsibilities when they walk to and from school. Please help us by continuing to be aware of our students when driving through the area during arrival and dismissal times.

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.

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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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR MCKAY

The County Executive recently released his proposed budget and it is, in a word—boring. In this economic climate, boring is good. But then a lot has changed over the past few years as we've come to realize that Fairfax County is not immune to the economic headwinds that have battered the national and state economies. While this barebones budget is boring, it illustrates the county's ongoing financial prudence and good management. While surrounding jurisdictions are wrestling with large deficits, deep program cuts and increased taxes, we are holding the line. We've taken the prudent approach over the past several years of holding funds in reserve at budget carryover to plan for budget requirements in the following fiscal year.

The County Executive's proposed budget for the FY2012 fiscal year that begins on July 1 reflects the fragile economic improvements of the past several months. It's fiscally responsible. (Note that this is not the final budget. My colleagues on the Board and I will do an in depth review and listen carefully to our residents' priorities before adopting the final budget on April 26.)

Some of the highlights of this proposed budget are:

- The residential property tax rate remains at \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value. It's my hope that the approved rate can be reduced
- There are no cuts to code compliance, public safety, human services, or to parks and libraries.

- There is no restoration of previous cuts.
- County employee salaries are frozen for the third consecutive year.

You can find more detailed information on the budget at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

Our citizens have high expectations for their local government, the services it provides, and the quality of those services. Please let me know what is important to you by calling my office at 703-971-6262 or sending an email to Leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov

To testify at a budget public hearing, contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151 to put your name on the speakers list. You can also sign up online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm. Public hearings will take place in the board auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center on March 29, 30, and 31.

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

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**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.

REPORT FROM RICHMOND DELEGATE VIVIAN WATTS

Transportation funding dominated the headlines this Session. Here's what's at stake:

(1) We have desperate needs. Northern Virginia is now ranked the most congested region in the nation. Our 40-year-old Metro system must have significant safety upgrades and needs 8-car trains to serve packed commuters. Road surfaces are breaking down from lack of maintenance and, again this spring, VDOT's reduced mowing in Fairfax will create health and safety hazards.

(2) Unfortunately, the only answer on the table was taking-on major state debt. The General Assembly authorized the Governor to sell \$1.8 billion in bonds before he leaves office. I backed a more prudent \$700 million one-year bond sale. This would have allowed Virginia to take advantage of current low interest rates and construction workers eager for jobs but, more importantly, would have given us the opportunity to re-examine market conditions next year.

(3) \$1.8 billion in debt is as major as its benefits are short-lived. These bonds are 25-year bonds. The \$1.8 billion will use up practically all of the revenue identified for repaying transportation debt. For every \$10 we borrow now, just \$1 will be left for 20 years of on-going needs.

(4) Every study confirms Virginia needs an additional \$1 billion **each and every** year well into the future to address unmet transportation needs. We haven't made any new investments since 1986.

(5) My bi-partisan* bill to provide funding that is raised in Northern Virginia and stays in Northern Virginia and to meet statewide needs through a gas tax so that out-of-state drivers help pay for maintenance wasn't even heard in committee in the House. (*Delegates May, Rust, and Albo decided not co-patron the bill this year to keep the focus on the Governor's plan for borrowing a total of \$4 billion through state and federal bonds and a state pool for private financing.)

(6) I'm always concerned about Northern Virginia getting its fair share in any state funding proposal. However, it's as important to look at where the money comes from as what we get back. Less than 1/3 of transportation revenue comes from NV, while almost 45% of General Fund revenue comes from NV income and sales taxes. Funding transportation from the General Fund is not a good deal for us – even before you consider the cuts to education and other services that result.

(7) Finally, the package ignores taking care of where people live. There is no money for secondary roads and the existing funding has all been taken for maintenance. In addition to using the \$1.8 billion in 25-year debt on a list of major projects from 2007 and borrowing \$1 billion from the federal government for 2 or 3 others, the package creates over \$80 million in low interest loans to bolster the financing of large private/public partnerships that can't attract adequate private equity financing.

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Debt is not the answer. Revenue bills such as the one I've carried must be part of the solution.

I deeply appreciate your patience in reading this. It is complicated. But, I wanted to share with you what's going on. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and guidance. vwatts@erols.com

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Deb Sherman, legislative aide



SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE AT LEE DISTRICT PARK

JUNE

- 1 The Nighthawks (American Roots Music)
- 8 Alt Washingtonia (Bavarian Folk Dance & Music)
- 15 The Old World Folk Band (Klezmer)

- 22 Pietasters (Ska)
- 29 Guy Mendilow Band (World Music)

JULY

- 6 The Grandsons (Rockabilly/Swing/Lounge)
- 13 David Bach Consort (Jazz)
- 20 The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops)
- 27 The United States Army Band "Blues Jazz Ensemble" (Jazz)

AUGUST

- 3 Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper (Bluegrass)
- 10 Lyuti Chushki (Bulgarian Folk Music)
- 17 The United States Navy Band "Country Current" (Country)
- 24 Brothers + 1 (Motown)
- 31 Sock Monkeys (Rock&Roll/Cover Band)

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Community Improvement	Newsletter
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Transportation	Other

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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 15 de Marzo 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.